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A young girl and her mother enjoy a gift from the Brown Descents Car Club toy drive last year.

GRF Toy Drive Dance is Dec. 9

The GRF Toy Drive Christmas Show will be Saturday, Dec. 9, in Clubhouse 4. Doors open at 6 p.m., with live entertainment starting at 7. All residents and their guests are invited. Entrance is free, but each attendee must bring a new, unwrapped toy (no stuffed animals).

Last year, one of GRF's own, Physical Property Inspector Mike Meza, brought to GRF's attention a charity he is part of that provides toys to local Orange County kids. The Marines, who run Toys for Tots, changed their procedures this year and will not collect in Leisure World Seal Beach, but GRF is thrilled to support the Brown Descents Car Club

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HANUKKAH

Menorah lighting is today at Vets Plaza

Today, Thursday, Dec. 7, at 4:30 p.m. at Veterans Plaza, Rabbi Aron David Berkowitz of the Chabad of West Orange County will share the story of Hanukkah and its meaning for Jew and Gentile alike.

Musical entertainment will help celebrate the Festival of Lights prior to

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GRF BOARD RECAP

Board votes 10-6 to rebuild Mini Farms

by Ruth Osborn
communications director



The Mini Farm in February 2022, after its closure.



Anna Derby (l) holds her final harvest before the closure of the Mini Farm in 2021. A large shrub of blooming basil (r) from the farm site.



Leisure World residents packed the Nov. 28 Golden Rain Foundation Board meeting, with the majority of speakers giving varied opinions on whether to allocate nearly a half million capital fund dollars to reprise the Mini Farms.

Like the audience, the board was divided in its support, with some saying the price tag is too high, and others contending that restoring the amenity will only cost more the longer it is delayed.

After protracted consideration, the board majority upheld the recommendation of the 1.8-Acre Ad Hoc Committee. The vote was 10-6, with one abstention, to award a contract to Certified Roofing Applicators, Inc., for the installation of the Mini Farms for \$437,150, adding a 10% contingency fee for a total cost of \$480,865 in capital funding.

The bare-bones project will consist of about 220 garden plots, some raised to provide handicap access, plus ADA-accessible paths and irrigation. The farm will have its own water meter. Removed from the initial proposal were a community farmstand, composting center, bulk material storage, tool storage shed, and administration office.

The Mini Farms have been a Leisure World fixture since 1975. That's when the first plots were dug at North Gate Road and Seal Beach Boulevard before construction of the Seal Beach Professional Building that is now there. In 1988, the Mini Farms moved to the 1.8-acre site off Nassau Drive. The California Department of Transportation sold the land to GRF after determining it was not needed for the I-405 and CA-22 freeways.

The 1.8-acre lot was cleaned and
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PEARL HARBOR DAY

Remembering Pearl Harbor, a day that lives in infamy



The USS Arizona National Memorial is located at Pearl Harbor. At the time the now sunken vessel was built, it was one of the U.S. Navy fleet's largest and most heavily armed ships.

President Franklin Roosevelt called Dec. 7, 1941, "a date which will live in infamy." On that day, Japanese planes attacked the United States Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The bombing killed more than 2,300 Americans and decimated the U.S. Pacific Fleet. It destroyed the American battleship USS Arizona and capsized the USS Oklahoma.

The attack sank or beached a total of 12 ships and damaged nine others; 160 aircraft were destroyed and 150 others damaged. The country was taken by surprise, especially the ill-prepared Pearl Harbor base.

When Germany and Italy declared
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Parking Enforcement Update

During the last few months, a pattern has developed regarding the parking citations issued in the community. Many citations can be avoided by complying with the following:

Valid Pass—To park on Mutual or Trust streets, people must have a decal or valid pass displayed. Many times a vehicle was issued a pass, but the pass was not placed on the dashboard of the vehicle where it could be seen; it was left on a seat or other areas where it could not be observed. People who were issued a pass should make sure they display the valid pass on the dashboard each time they leave their vehicle.

Expired Registration—In most cases where a vehicle received a citation for having an expired tag on their plate, the vehicle did in fact have a valid registration, but the new tags received from the DMV were not placed on the license plate. People should make sure to put their new tags on their vehicle as soon as they are received from the DMV.

—GRF Security Department

Library services will be temporarily relocated during renovations

As announced previously, the Leisure World Library and Friends of the LW Library will be close for a much-needed refurbishment. The last day to visit the main library building and the Friends of Library is Saturday, Dec. 23. The closure is expected to last through all of January.

On Thursday, Dec. 28, the library will re-open in a temporary location to continue serving residents. This temporary location will be Clubhouse 3, Room 8. A selection of new and popular books, audio, and visual materials will be available for checkout at this location. Many of the library's magazines and all of its newspapers will be



Many of the library's magazines will be available at a temporary location in Clubhouse 3, Room 8.

available for reading on site at the temporary location.

Library materials checked out prior to the closure of the main library will continue to be due at their regular due dates. Residents can either return the

items in the same book drops they have always used or visit inside the temporary location in Clubhouse 3.

This temporary library location will operate Monday-Friday from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Some of the library's regular services will be unavailable in the temporary location, such as faxing, copying and patron computers. These services will resume when staff returns to the main library building.

The Friends of the Library will remain fully closed during the duration of the refurbishment. People should hold all donations until the re-opening.

Beyond the painting and carpeting, some exciting changes are coming to the library.

More information will be available as it gets closer to the re-opening of the library, which is expected to happen in early February.

—LW Library Staff

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lighting the menorah. It is an opportunity for the LW community, rich in culture and customs, to learn and share in the joy of this beautiful festival.

The holiday celebrates the Jews defeating Syrian-Greek oppressors who had tried forcing them to abandon their religion and adopt Greek culture.

The story has it that, led by Judah Maccabee, they recaptured the holy temple in Jerusalem.

Arriving there, they found only enough olive oil to light candles for one night. The



GRF's menorah is lit at an annual ceremony.

miracle of Hannukah is it

lasted for eight nights, thus the eight-branch candelabra known as the menorah.

Kosher refreshments will be provided, courtesy of OptumCare. People are invited to enjoy a nosh and say hello to the Health Care Center team.

In 1984, Rabbi Berkowitz started Chabad of West Orange County to serve as a traditional synagogue and outreach center in the Huntington Beach area.

For the last 37 years, Rabbi Berkowitz served as the director and Rabbi of Chabad

of West Orange County and Congregation Adat Israel.

The congregation has developed an extensive adult education program. When the Jewish Learning Institute (JLI) opened some 20 years ago, Rabbi Berkowitz introduced the JLI to Orange County, teaching the courses in various cities throughout the county. He is an accomplished musician and the son of Holocaust survivors.

For more information, contact mayokab@lwsb.com or call 562-431-6586, ext. 476.

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I-405 EXPRESS LANES

New I-405 toll lanes open

Transportation leaders and elected officials gathered Dec. 1, to celebrate the successful completion of the Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) I-405 Improvement Project, which aims to improve travel times along one of the nation's busiest highways.

With one new regular lane in each direction, the 405 Express Lanes hopes to provide a faster and more reliable commute for the hundreds of thousands of drivers who traverse this stretch of freeway each day.

“I am immensely proud to announce the successful completion of the I-405 Improvement Project, the largest undertaking in OCTA’s history,” said OCTA Chairman Gene Hernandez, also the mayor of Yorba Linda. “OCTA’s delivery of this project showcases our commitment to Orange County’s voters and to improving the quality of life for everyone who lives, works or travels through this area.”

The I-405 Improvement Project broke ground in 2018, and was a cornerstone of Measure M, Orange County's half-cent sales tax for transportation.

The project added one regular lane in each direction of I-405 between Euclid Street in Fountain Valley and I-605 in Seal Beach. It also made improvements to streets and freeway on- and off-ramps, and reconstructed 18 bridges, many now featuring new sidewalks and bike lanes.

“Whether you commute daily, choose to use the 405 Express Lanes, or opt for biking and walking through our communities, the I-405 Improvement Project is a testament to our commitment to enhancing Orange County’s transportation system,” said OCTA CEO Darrell Johnson.

The project also created the 405 Express Lanes between SR-73 in Costa Mesa and I-605 at the Orange County border with Los Angeles County. Operated by OCTA, the 405 Express Lanes is two lanes in each direction in the center of the freeway. All vehicles are required to have a FasTrak transponder and a valid account with any toll agency in California to enter the 405 Express Lanes. The FasTrak transponder can be from any agency in California.

Tolls will vary by hour, day of the week, direction of travel and distance traveled, and will be adjusted regularly to ensure a free-flowing commute. Vehicles with designated veterans license plates, disabled person license plates, with three or more passengers, and motorcycles will always get to travel on the 405 Express Lanes for free with a FasTrak transponder and a valid 405 Express Lanes account. For more information, visit 405expresslanes.com.

Proptia Roll-Out is Coming

Proptia is the access-management solution that residents will use to manage their visitor lists when the new gate access system goes active in January. In January, residents will receive an emailed invitation with instructions on how to register and create accounts with Proptia. Do not attempt to directly register with Proptia; registration needs to occur through the Golden Rain Foundation.

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TOY DRIVE

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Association. At last year's event, the nonprofit collected toys for over 250 kids and are hoping to top that this year.

The club is a 501(c)3 charity that collects toys every year for local youth and provides scholarships to disadvantaged teens. The group took inspiration from the car clubs that have been a local tradition hailing back to the '70s that acted as a way for minority communities to socialize. The group's car club events offered the same sense of community for more than eight years. For years, GRF has also been donating leftover toys that were not picked up by the Marines to the Brown Descents.

The show's musical entertainment will be provided by Legends of Rock, a band that has carved out a reputation in Orange County, playing the top rock tunes from the '50s through the '80s. Led by Jon Pearlstone, the group performs monthly under the LW Pickleball Club and always fills the house.

The festivities will include complimentary cookies and hot



Leisure World's gift donations go to Orange County children and families in need.

beverages provided by Optum Care along with some giveaways for the kids-at-heart. Santa and his elves will be on hand to collect gifts.

unwrapped toys at the Security Main Gate, North Gate, St. Andrews Gate or the Security Satellite Office in Building 5 in the boxes provided, or bring them to the show.



Seal Beach DUI Checkpoint

The Seal Beach Police Department will conduct a driving under the influence (DUI) checkpoint on Saturday, Dec. 16, from 7 p.m.-3 a.m. at an undisclosed location within the city limits.

DUI checkpoints are determined based on data showing incidents of impaired driving-related crashes.

Drivers charged with a first-time DUI face an average of \$13,500 in fines and penalties, as well as a suspended license.

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PERSPECTIVES

ASK THE GRF

GRF organizational chart explains staff hierarchy

In an effort to provide answers and build understanding, the LW Weekly has launched a series of occasional columns to expand on topics of general interest to shareholders. Instead of posting questions on social media, residents are invited to email questions to rutho@lwsb.com.

by **Jessica Sedgwick**
GRF executive director

Golden Rain Foundation staff has received numerous inquiries regarding the responsibilities of specific positions within the organization. To address this, we are initiating an informative series beginning with an elucidation of our executive-level staff roles. Subsequent editions will comprehensively cover directors, managers and supervisors, providing valuable insights into their respective responsibilities. Stay tuned for a thorough exploration of the diverse roles that contribute to the success and functionality of our team.

Executive Director

The executive director at the Golden Rain Foundation is the key leader responsible for providing strategic direction and day-to-day management to all aspects of Leisure World Seal Beach.

Reporting to the GRF Board, this role involves serving as the community spokesperson, ensuring legal compliance, overseeing contract implementation, and implementing strategies for long-term viability.

The executive director plays a crucial role in governance support, financial oversight, and relationship-building within the community. With over five years of management experience in retirement communities, property, or corporate management, the ideal candidate possesses strong business acumen, analytical skills, and excellent communication abilities.

Executive Manager

As the executive manager of Mutual Services at our company, the role encompasses strategic leadership, operational excellence and client relationship management within the Mutual Services division.

Overseeing Finance, Stock Transfer, Mutual Administration and other departments related to Mutuals, the position involves implementing strategic initiatives, guiding senior managers, and fostering client relationships.

The executive manager is the second in command to the executive director, providing essential support and collaborating closely with the executive team. The role includes managing budgets, analyzing financial data, ensuring compliance with regulations and promoting a culture of collaboration and accountability among employees of Mutual Services.



Senior Director of Internal Operations
Reporting directly to the executive director, the senior director of Internal Operations is a pivotal leadership role overseeing the Communications, IT and Recreation departments, ensuring their efficient functioning.

This senior position is instrumental in enhancing operational efficiency, reducing costs, and streamlining workflows through continuous improvement initiatives. Collaborating with department heads and senior leadership, the role aligns departmental efforts to achieve organizational goals, exhibiting strong leadership qualities to guide and motivate teams. Additionally, the senior director plays a crucial role in GRF's learning and development initiatives, designing and managing comprehensive programs aligned with business needs. Responsibilities include leading, mentoring, and managing leadership development, managing standard operating procedures, and collaborating with HR to identify training needs.

Senior Director of Mutual Administration

As the senior director of Mutual Administration, the primary responsibility is to develop effective policies, procedures, rules and regulations for managing the Mutual Corporations. Essential functions include interfacing with shareholders, managing day-to-day operations, advising Mutual Boards on by-laws and rules, attending board and Presidents' Council meetings, drafting resolutions, and maintaining harmonious relationships with board members. The role involves corresponding with legal counsel, advising the executive manager on personnel matters, preparing budgets, settling staff grievances and supervising Stock Transfer

and Member Liaison departments.

Senior Director of Facilities

As the senior director of Facilities, the role involves overseeing all aspects of facility management, ensuring optimal functionality, safety and compliance with regulations. Reporting to the executive director, responsibilities include developing and implementing strategic plans for facility maintenance, coordinating with department heads to address operational needs, managing budgets and overseeing projects to enhance facility infrastructure. The senior director plays a key role in fostering a collaborative and efficient working environment, conducting regular inspections to maintain quality standards, and liaising with external contractors and vendors. With a focus on sustainability and cost-effectiveness, the position requires a seasoned professional with a deep understanding of facility operations, strong leadership skills, and the ability to align facility management with organizational goals.

Senior Director of Human Resources

As the senior director of Human Resources at the Golden Rain Foundation, the overall function entails administering, coordinating and evaluating all human resources functions, including managing injury and illness prevention programs. Responsibilities include working closely with department managers, recruiting and interviewing candidates, ensuring compliance with employment legislation, drafting and recommending human resources policies, and investigating policy violations. The role involves advising on disciplinary actions, maintaining a liaison with a labor attorney, acting as the primary Plan Administrator for the Foundation's 401(k) Plan, and managing workers'

compensation programs. The senior director also oversees performance evaluations, conducts human resources surveys, manages data in the human resources information system, and supervises the human

resources department staff. Other duties encompass managing risk management and loss prevention programs, handling unemployment processes, and undertaking special projects assigned by the executive director.



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Los Angeles Times Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Patti Varol

**“GAINS” BY
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ACROSS

- 1 "Couldn't agree more!"
- 5 Tapenade, e.g.
- 8 Pride ____
- 12 Chicago daily, familiarly
- 16 Forum robe
- 17 Bread with falafel
- 18 Princess Tiana costume topper
- 19 Taiga or tundra
- 20 Collage of fabric swatches, paint chips, etc.
- 22 Birch kin
- 23 Send payment
- 24 Nearly fails Poseidon's shop class?
- 27 Considerate of others
- 28 Iowa State town
- 29 Activity in a humidified room
- 30 Corp. leader
- 31 Monopoly pair
- 33 Desertlike
- 35 "What's the ____?"
- 36 Karaoke outing that won't allow Aretha's classic song?
- 41 Twirl
- 45 Some saxes
- 46 ____ Easley: spaceport in the "Star Wars" universe
- 47 Take to court
- 48 ____ Island
- 49 Harris, e.g., informally
- 50 Shout at the slots
- 52 Best Original Song, e.g.
- 54 Gretzky, once
- 55 Blunder
- 56 Nursing ____
- 57 Time in the Peace Corps?
- 60 Close securely
- 61 High card, often
- 62 Skeptical expression
- 63 The x- or y-axis, perhaps?
- 69 Fizz liquor
- 70 Weeding tool
- 73 Native New Zealander
- 74 Numbered clubs
- 75 Pound sound
- 77 "The Powerpuff Girls" voice actress Strong
- 78 With 79-Across, entry in the periodic table's last column
- 79 See 78-Across
- 80 Auction action

- 81 Gets, as a job
82 Flushed
83 Request to an
ophthalmologist
on a busy
afternoon?
88 Curling surface
90 "I Will Wait"
band Mumford
& —
91 Io or Europa, for
Jupiter
92 NCAA champion
swimmer
Thomas
93 Clipped
97 Hurt feelings?
99 Pot sticker kin
101 "Use all your
strength!," or an
alternate title for
this puzzle?
105 Problems for
pipes or PR
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106 Insertion mark
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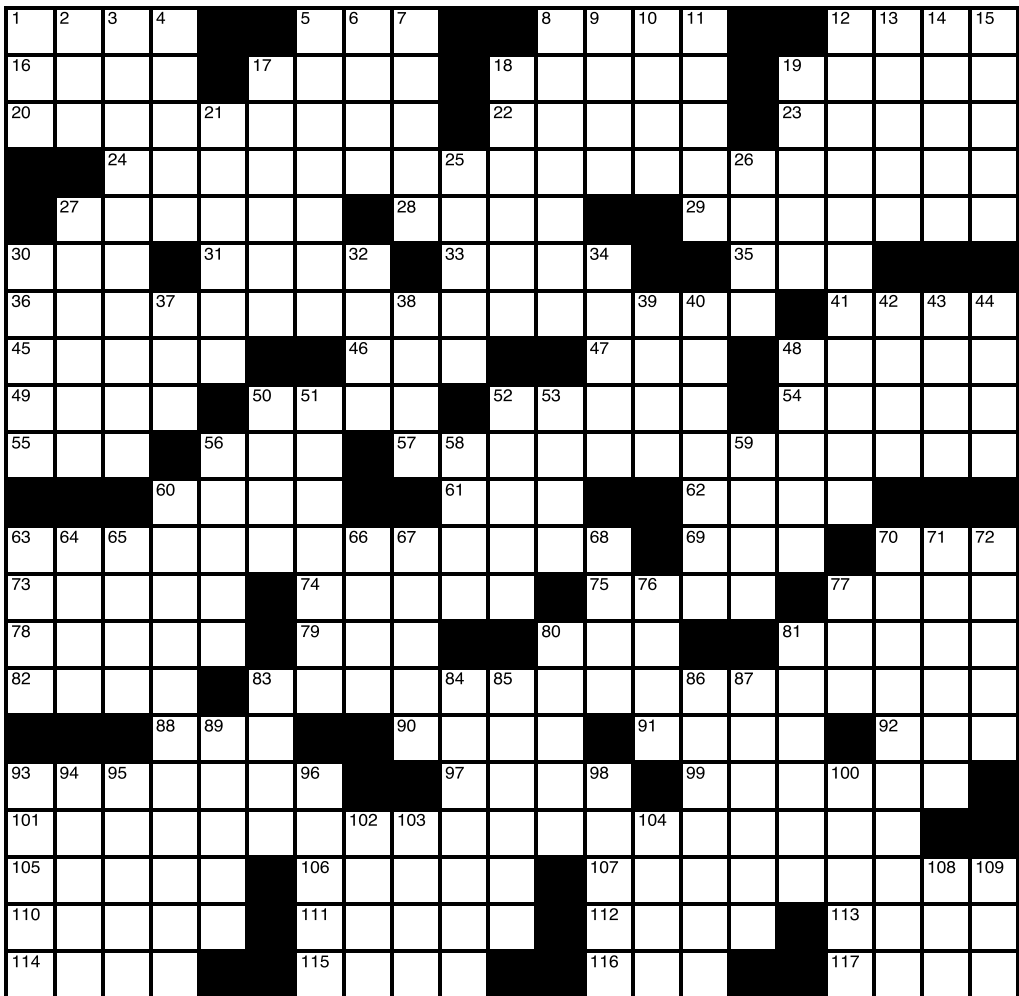
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| 92 | NCAA champion swimmer | 2 | Low in the field |
| | Thomas | 3 | Bit of self-promotion? |
| 93 | Clipped | 4 | Federer rival |
| 97 | Hurt feelings? | 5 | Talk of the town? |
| 97 | Pot sticker kin | 6 | "Nice job!" reply |
| 101 | "Use all your strength!," or an alternate title for this puzzle? | 7 | Lakshmi who wrote the children's book "Tomatoes for Neela" |
| 105 | Problems for pipes or PR firms | 8 | Enters one by one |
| 106 | Insertion mark | 9 | Chaps |
| 107 | Carrot, so to speak | 10 | Zone |
| 110 | Penn pals? | 11 | Brooks of country music |
| 111 | Locale for llamas | 12 | Colorful garment that might feature a peace sign |
| 112 | Alum | | |
| 113 | Library offering | | |

- 13 Shakespeare character in the lyrics of Taylor Swift's "Love Story"
14 Chatting online, for short
15 Bright aquarium fish
17 Wax finish?
18 "Any ___"?
19 "Who's in?"
19 Brolly carriers
21 "Say Yes to the Dress" figures
25 Stockpile
26 Sound defeat
27 Mixology tool
30 Desire
32 Pal of Big Bird and Julia
34 Decathlon equipment
37 Fizzy drink
38 Ages and ages
39 Avocado dish, for short
40 "Wish me luck!"
42 Casual top
43 Brainchild
44 Geeky type
48 Batman's boy

- 50 Modern location
of Nineveh
51 Evil
doppelgänger
in the Mario
games
52 Some apex
predators
53 Reindeer pal
of Olaf the
snowman
56 Suit well
58 Pocket
59 Skeptical
expression
60 "Didn't mean to
open that can of
worms"
63 Mideast title
64 Prefix between
micro and pico
65 "Easy... it"
66 ___ Sea: former
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sambal and
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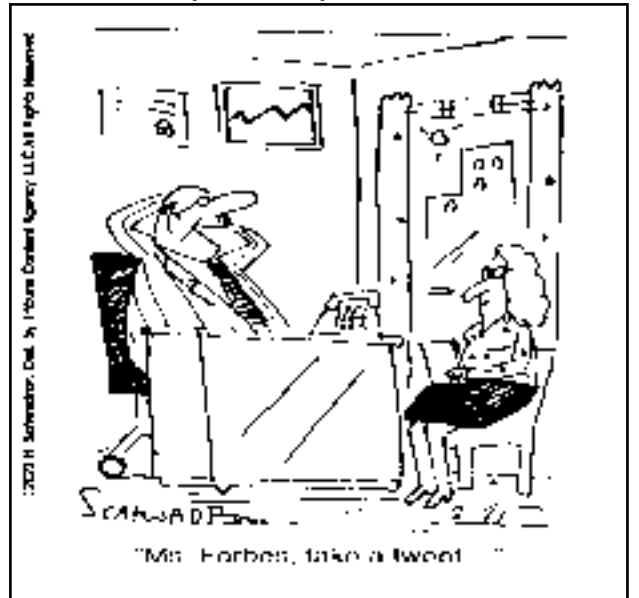
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legislation
86 Longtime luxury
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87 Partner of
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89 Irritable
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appetizer
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un platillo
"ranchero"
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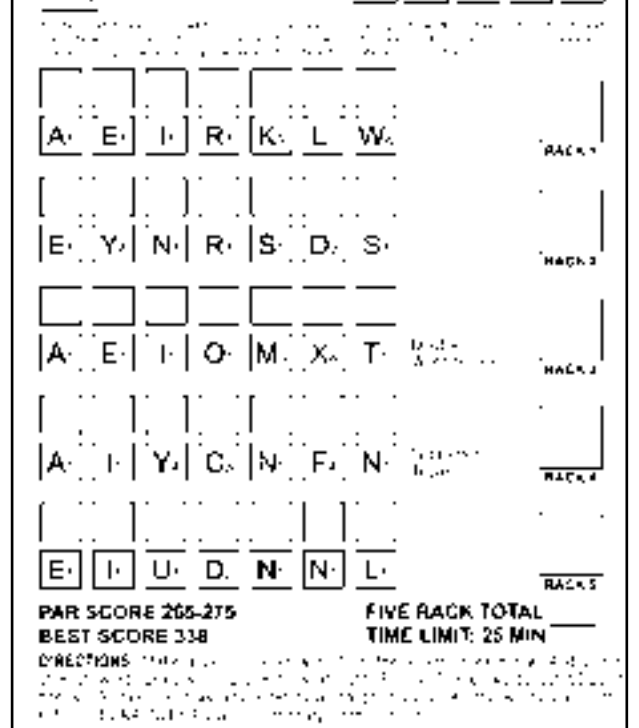
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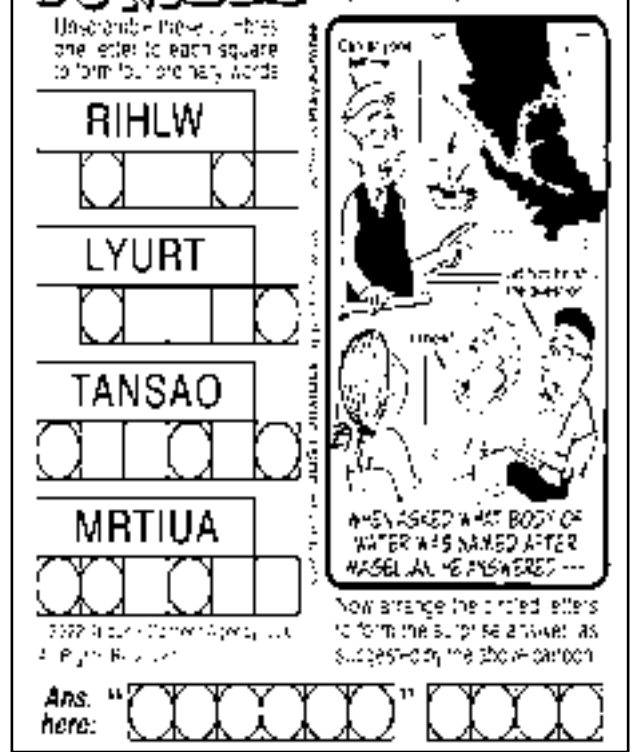


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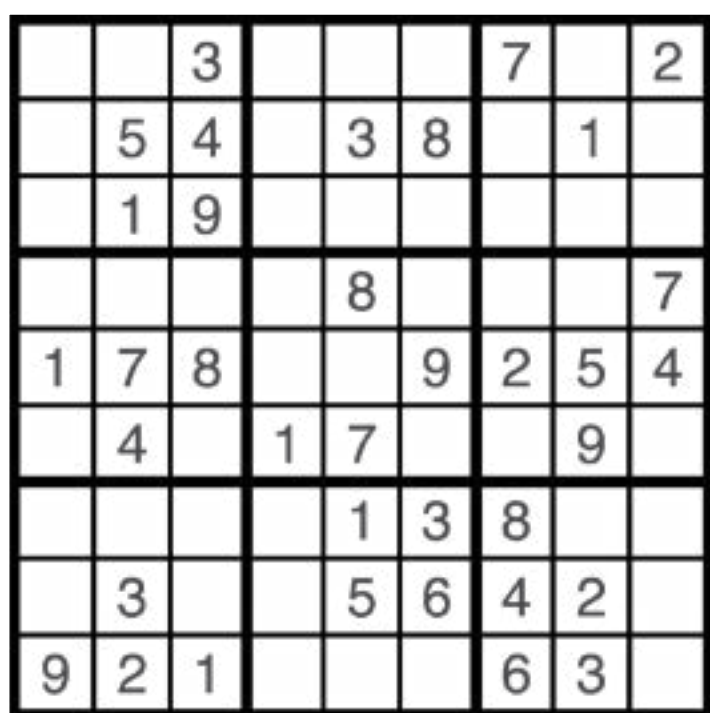
THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Guess Who?

I am a musician born in Denmark on December 26, 1963. I played tennis as a young man, but gained an interest in music after receiving a ticket to see Deep Purple, which inspired me to become a drummer. I've been part of a metal rock band for many years.

Sudoku #2



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- (4 letters = 2 points)
- (5 letters = 3 points)
- (6 letters = 4 points)
- (7 letters = 6 points)
- (8 letters = 10 points)
- (9 letters = 15 points)

YOUR BOGGLE RATING

151+ = Champ

101-150 = Expert

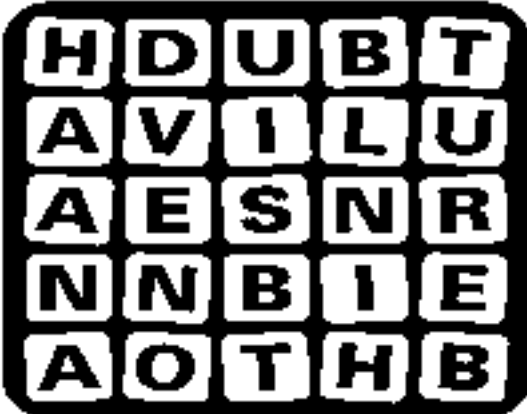
61-100 = Pro

31-60 = Gamer

21-30 = Rookie

11-20 = Amateur

0-10 = Fry again



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We put several four-letter words into the puzzle grid. Can you find them?

Find **AT LEAST SIX SIX-LETTER COUNTRY CAPITAL CITIES** in the grid of letters.

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

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Bev Bender

Laughing for the Health of It

Everyone is invited for an hour-long session of fun and laughing for no reason with others on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 1:30 p.m. in the HCC Conference Room.

Participants will leave with smiles on their faces and a song in their hearts. Best of all, it's fun, free and non-fattening.

Bev Bender is a certified laugh leader who helps people improve their lives through laughter.

Nutrition 101 and Meal Planning

Right at Home registered dietician Jacqueline Atwood and gerontologist Grace Atwood will have a nutrition seminar on Friday, Dec. 8, at 2 p.m., in Optum HCC Conference Room.

As people age, they may experience health problems due to poor nutrition including physical pain while eating, changes in taste, and lack of resources. Everyone is welcome to attend this free event and learn about the ways to improve their diet with healthy snacking and meal planning on a budget.

DANCING FEET



On Nov. 26, the Dancing Feet Club held its last social dance of the year. There will be no line dance meeting or social dancing in December to allow the members spend the holidays with their families. The line dance classes will resume Jan. 8 and the social dancing on the fourth Sunday, Jan. 28. The club hosts two events in Clubhouse

2: line dance lessons and practice on Mondays from 7-9 p.m., and social (ballroom) dancing every fourth Sunday of the month from 6-9:30 p.m. Dress to impress and bring favorite snacks and drinks. Alcohol is not allowed. There is no fee to participants. For more information, text Ed Bolos at 551-998-4223 or email edgbolos@gmail.com.

Parkinson's Support Group Dec. 13

Everyone is invited to an hour-long Parkinson's Support Group presented by BrightStar Care on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 2 p.m., in the Optum HCC Conference Room. Guest speaker from Bennett Acupuncture and Functional Medicine Stefanie Bennett will speak about acupuncture and peripheral neuropathy in managing Alzheimer's.

This event is free to all LW residents and those seeking encouragement and motivation in living with Parkinson's disease. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

For more information or to RSVP, contact BrightStar Care at 714-861-4101 or GRF Member Resources Liaison Robann Arshat at 562-431-6586, ext. 317.

Holly, Jolly Resources Party

The collaboration team of social workers will have a Holly, Jolly, Resources Galore party for LW residents on Friday, Dec. 8, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in Veterans Plaza with a goal to connect people with various resources.

Participants include GRF Member Resources Liaison Robann Arshat, the Golden Age Foundation, the Council on Aging, Adult Protective Services, Alzheimer's OC, the SoMang Society, Pathways and Meals on Wheels Long Beach. Everyone is welcome to attend this free event and enjoy refreshments, giveaways and music by Sax on the Beach sax quartet.

For more information, contact GRF Member Resources Liaison Robann Arshat at 562-431-6586, ext. 317.

FITNESS FUSION



Fitness Fusion Club meets on Tuesdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in Clubhouse 6 and on Thursdays and Saturdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Veterans Plaza. Class participants work on the half moon pose to strengthen their core and spine. For more information, contact Marian Higgins at 562-296-8328.

Staying Mentally Sharp Classes Begin Jan. 12

The free 18-week Staying Mentally Sharp computer class by NOCE (North Orange County Education) will be held on Fridays from noon-1:50 p.m. in Clubhouse 3 Learning Center beginning Jan. 12.

This class will provide the residents with tools to reach their optimum levels of brainpower through memory building techniques. The program will also cover decision-making, problem-solving, planning, and determining opportunities for cognitive growth.

People can visit LW Library for help with signing up. Existing NOCE students can register online using code CRN 62026 on myGateway.

The LW Library is open Monday-Saturday from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Meals on Wheels Long Beach

Meals on Wheels of Long Beach, Inc., delivers freshly cooked meals for \$10.50 per day Monday-Friday, between 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Deliveries include an 8-ounce carton of 1 percent milk.

Contact Client Manager Caron Adler at 562-439-5000, ext. 1, or visit www.mowlb.org to complete the application or cancel a meal for the following day, before 9 a.m. the prior business day.

Thursday, Dec. 7

Stuffed bell peppers, garlic and chives mashed potatoes, seasoned broccoli, kiwi, roast beef and cheese sandwich with lettuce, tomato and pickle, and confetti slaw.

Friday, Dec. 8

Beef Picado, Spanish rice, black beans, tangerine, spinach salad with chicken, mandarin oranges, cranberries, feta cheese, vinaigrette dressing and crackers.

Monday, Dec. 11

Polish sausage with sauted onions and red bell peppers, baked beans, lemon pepper broccoli, fresh plum, chicken salad sandwich with spinach and tomato, marinated beet and onion salad.

Tuesday, Dec. 12

Oven-baked chicken breast with mole sauce, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fresh orange, taco salad with shredded chicken, diced tomatoes, corn, black beans, cheese, cilantro, salsa dressing and crackers.

Wednesday, Dec. 13

Herb-roasted pork loin with brown gravy, barley pilaf, peas and onions, fresh banana, ham, turkey and cheese sandwich with lettuce, tomato and pickle, and Italian pasta salad.

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JOYFUL LINE DANCE



Gina Baik (l-r), Sophia Kim, Sunny Kim and Michelle Lee distributed lunch at the club’s party last summer and are ready to help out at today’s holiday party.

Find joy in every step on Thursdays in Clubhouse 2

Joyful Line Dance Club meets on Thursdays in Clubhouse 2 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and has a special class from 10-10:30 for newbies to learn easy and simple dances. Everyone is welcome to join with the minimal membership fee. All attendees are asked to sign in with their name, Mutual and unit

number before the class. Exercise or dancing shoes are required. Today, Dec. 7, the club is celebrating holidays with a line dance party from 10:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and a group photo at 10:30 to be taken by David Wolfe. The club’s leaders Albert and Gladys Comia, Anna Derby, Chung Cha Lewis, George Pi-

nada, Gina Baik, Karen Kei, Nak Soo Kim, Elizabeth Kim and Sunny Kim make class routines enjoyable and easy to follow. Each leader goes to the stage to demonstrate before the music plays so beginners can learn by watching their steps. For more information, contact Anna Derby at 562-301-5339.

Health screenings for older adults

Health screenings are a vital component of preventative health care. Specific screenings for older adults can help them stay healthy. It is recommended for older adults to schedule these routine tests. The frequency of the screenings may depend on a person’s health history, so each test should be discussed with a physician during the annual checkup.

- Blood pressure check.
- Blood test to check cholesterol and triglyceride levels.
- Colorectal cancer exam starting at age 50.

- Weight screening to check for gains or losses.
 - Prostate cancer screening for men age 70 and older.
 - Breast exam and mammogram for women, starting at age 40.
 - Pap smear and HPV tests at the recommended intervals advised by a doctor.
 - Hearing test.
 - Osteoporosis test.
 - Shingles and pneumococcal vaccines.
 - Eye exam.
 - Periodontal exam every year.
- Metro Creative Connection

Leisure Leggers

The Leisure Leggers, a running and walking club in Leisure World, meets every Monday at Clubhouse 6 at 8 a.m. for a walk

around the neighborhood. Dues are 99 cents per year. For more information, call Tom Pontac at 562-304-0880.

Holiday volunteers for LW residents

Through December, Lucent Care volunteers will be available to keep LW residents company and share the joy of the holiday season. These volunteer companions are nurses from Pacific College, pastors and parishioners from local churches. They are reputable, trained professionals who have been background and fingerprint checked. For more information, contact GRF Member Resources Liaison Robann Arshat at 562-431-6586, ext. 317.

LW Bicycle Group

The LW Bicycle Group meets on Sundays (with breakfast) to El Dorado Park, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the North Gate at 9 a.m. Everyone must wear a bicycle helmet and safe shoes. Studies show that cycling as a low impact aerobic exercise may reduce high blood pressure, lower the number on a scale, and improve the overall quality of life in older adults. For more information, call Mary Romero at 562-509-8475 or Lucy Czra at 818-209-5075.

Meals on Wheels Orange County

Meals on Wheels Orange County in partnership with the city of Seal Beach is hosting The Lunch Cafe at the North Seal Beach Center, 3333 St. Cloud Dr., Seal Beach, Monday-Friday, from 11 a.m.-noon. It is open to anyone 60 or older. Suggested contribution is \$3. Guests under 60 can enjoy lunch for \$5. LW Minibus service is available for a pick up at 10:25 a.m. at the Amphitheater bus stop on St. Andrews Drive, with a drop off at the Community Center. The Minibus returns to the Amphitheater at 11:40 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 7

Sweet citrus glazed chicken meatballs, sweet potatoes, oriental vegetable blend, whole wheat dinner roll with Smart Balance, and mandarin orange.

Friday, Dec. 8

Tortilla soup with sugar-free crackers, Chicken Tinga, cilantro lime rice, California vegetable blend, tortilla, and sugar-free ambrosia.

Monday, Dec. 11

Chicken breast with Parmesan and sun dried tomato sauce, tri-color pasta, mixed vegetable blend, whole wheat dinner roll with Smart Balance, and mandarin orange.

Tuesday, Dec. 12

Barbacoa beef, cilantro lime rice, Oregon bean medley, tortilla, sugar-free custard, and orange juice.

Wednesday, Dec. 13

Split pea soup with sugar-free crackers, Provencal tuna salad, sunshine gelatin salad, whole wheat dinner roll with Smart Balance, and fresh apple.

Water Aerobics

The Water Aerobics Class meets daily from 8:30-9 a.m. at the LW swimming pool. Classes are fun, free and offer fundamental water calisthenics. People can wear bathing suits, or t-shirts and shorts. Men and women are welcome. Water exercises are a great way for older adults to stay healthy and fit. They are low impact, easy on the joints, may decrease bone and muscle loss, and a great way to develop muscle strength. Water aerobics can also be beneficial in maintaining balance in older adults.

LW Weekly newspapers for people who are hearing or vision impaired are available at www.lwwweekly.com

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PEARL HARBOR

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war on the United States days later, America found itself in a global war.

82nd Annual Remembrance Day

This year marks the 82nd commemoration of the attack on Pearl Harbor and the subsequent entry of the United States into World War II. The theme for this year's National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Commemoration: Everlasting Legacy, according to the Pearl Harbor National Memorial, Navy Region Hawaii, and Pacific Historic Parks.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony Webcast

The Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony will be livestreamed and captioned for those interested in attending virtually. The main ceremony can be accessed at <https://www.dvidshub.net/webcast/33341>. It is scheduled to start at 9:35 a.m. (12:35 p.m. EST) on Dec. 7. The USS Utah and USS Oklahoma ceremonies will also be livestreamed. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/perl, www.facebook.com/PearlHarborNPS and www.pearlharborevents.com.

The attack

On Nov. 26, 1941, the Japanese Imperial Navy ordered



American flags line entrance of the Missouri Warship Memorial in Pearl Harbor, Honolulu, HI.

an armada that included 414 planes aboard six aircraft carriers to set to sea, according to nationalwwiimuseum.org. Following a plan devised by Adm. Yamamoto Isoroku, who had earlier studied at Harvard and served as Japan's naval attaché in Washington, D.C., the flotilla aimed to destroy the U.S. Pacific Fleet base at Pearl Harbor.

To catch the Americans by surprise, the ships maintained radio silence throughout their 3,500-mile trek from Hitokappu Bay to a predetermined launch sector 230 miles north of the Hawaiian island of Oahu.

At 6 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7, a first wave of Japanese planes lifted off from the carriers, followed by a second wave an

hour later. Led by Capt. Mitsuo Fuchida, the pilots spotted land and assumed their attack positions around 7:30 a.m. Twenty-three minutes later, Fuchida broke radio silence to shout, "Tora! Tora! Tora!" (Tiger! Tiger! Tiger!)—the coded message informing the Japanese fleet that they had caught the Americans by surprise. The unsuspecting American ships were moored in pairs along Pearl Harbor's " Battleship Row." For nearly two hours, Japanese firepower rained down upon American ships and servicemen.

While the attack inflicted significant destruction, the fact that Japan failed to destroy American repair shops and fuel-oil tanks mitigated the damage. Even more significantly, no

American aircraft carriers were at Pearl Harbor that day. The Japanese, however, immediately followed its Pearl Harbor assault with attacks against U.S. and British bases in the Philippines, Guam, Midway Island, Wake Island, Malaya and Hong Kong. Within days, the Japanese dominated the Pacific.

In Washington, a decrypted message had alerted officials that an attack was imminent moments before Fuchida's planes took to the skies. But a communications delay prevented a warning from reaching Pearl Harbor in time. The Americans missed another opportunity when an officer discounted a report from an Oahu-based radar operator that a large number of planes were headed their way.

According to history, Roosevelt learned of the attack as he was finishing lunch at the White House.

He spent the remainder of the afternoon receiving updates and writing the address he intended to deliver to Congress the following day asking for a declaration of war against Japan. As he drafted and redrafted the speech, Roosevelt focused on rallying the nation behind a war many had hoped to avoid.

Gate Access Reminder

Beginning Jan. 17, Leisure World's new gate access system will be fully operational. At that time, people will need a valid radio frequency identification (RFID) tag or GRF ID to enter the community.

It is important to note that residents will always be able to call Security, 24/7, with the names of their visitors.

New residents or residents with additional vehicles can get RFID tags at the Decal Office in Building 5, open from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday (closed for lunch at noon).

Soon, every resident will receive a copy of the GRF budget. In the budget packet, people who did not get a physical RFID tag will receive a form where they can write in their permanent guests.

People can return the form by: (1) handing it to any Security guard while entering the community, (2) dropping the form off at the Finance Office, or (3) mailing the form to GRF.

MINI FARM

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graded. Water was piped in, and 118 plots were installed. In 1997, a loose federation of hobby farmers became an official GRF club, and members paid \$5 a year. There was a perennial five-year waiting list.

The facility was a thriving amenity until 2021 when a Seal Beach city inspection to add electricity to the site found unpermitted fencing, among other deficits.

Other concerns included liability exposure related to a lack of ADA access, and complaints about the long wait for plots and alleged favoritism related to plot leasing.

Then-Executive Director Randy Ankeny decided the most prudent course was to dismantle the Mini Farms.

For three years, the board has grappled with what to do with the site. Should a new amenity be added or should the Mini Farms be restored? Meanwhile, the COVID pandemic, global supply chain disruptions and inflation have caused costs to skyrocket.

The divide on how to proceed was apparent Nov. 28, with people on both sides of the issue. Proponents called it a source of food, and a good way to stay active physically and socially.

"It's an instant community," said GRF Treasurer Camille Thompson from Mutual 8. "Many people ride their bikes there, walk there. It's social interaction. You don't have to be part of the club," she said. Thompson, who served on the 1.8-Acre Ad Hoc Committee, noted that the separate meter at the Mini Farms will track water use there and provide the

community with an agriculture component that could be favorable in the event of future drought restrictions.

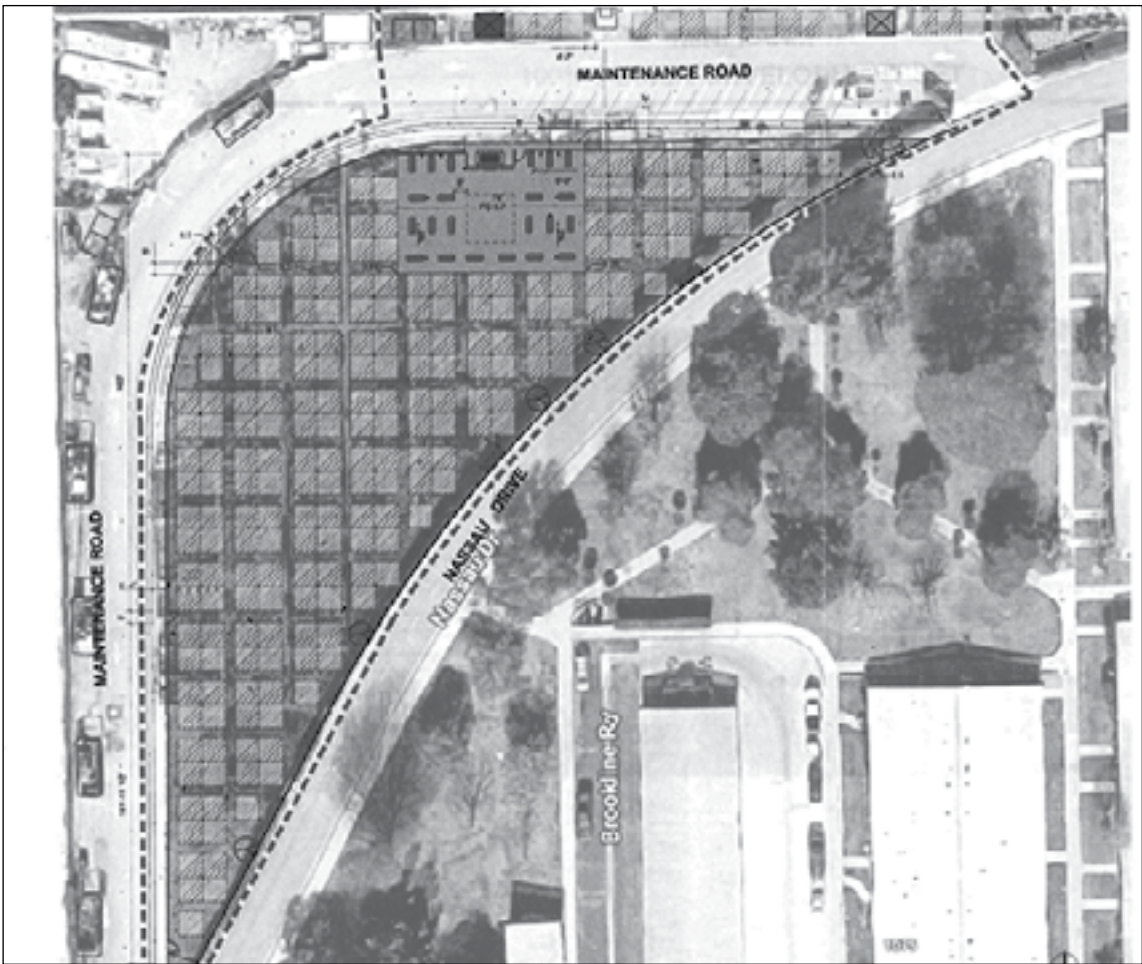
Opponents cited the expense, its exclusivity in that only about 220 of nearly 10,000 residents will get a plot and that the project needs more study.

"There have been some very persuasive arguments for voting yes," said GRF Director Susan Hopewell of Mutual 6, who also served on the ad hoc committee. "I support having the Mini Farms, but this vote is for spending \$500,000 and that is not something I can support at this time. . . . It's too much money," she said citing feedback received from the community.

GRF President Marsha Gerber agreed: "I am 100% for the Mini Farm. It is a positive thing, a good thing. . . . But this board is elected by and accountable to the members of this community, and I've seen that the community is very concerned about the financial implications."

To that end, Executive Manager of Mutual Services Dave Potter noted that the annual renewal of the GRF insurance policy is pending, and it's a "hard market" this year. He would prefer to have the 2024 insurance renewal finalized before capital funds be specifically allocated, he said.

Indeed, two of the 10 largest homeowners insurance companies, USAA and Farmers, have implemented double-digit rate increases of nearly 15% in many states, according to S&P Global. The other eight largest companies increased rates by 6-10%. Inflation, supply chain issues and severe weather have driven



A design by Farmscape Inc. proposing one potential plan for the 1.8-acre site, where each square represents an in-ground farm plot.

premiums higher nationwide.

Potter emphasized that he is not necessarily expecting a huge bill, but if premiums are unexpectedly high, capital funding may be needed.

GRF Director Nick Massetti of Mutual 17 countered by saying "delay is not the answer," noting that capital funding could always be diverted where it is most needed.

"This is an important amenity," said GRF Director Janet Isom of Mutual 16, adding that she is concerned about insur-

ance costs. But the Mini Farms are a popular amenity and one of the reasons she bought into LW.

"I don't use a lot of the amenities, but I pay for them because that is what I agreed to when I came into a cooperative community."

GRF Director Carole Damoci of Mutual 12 chaired the 1.8-Acre Ad Hoc Committee, which the board disbanded at the meeting. Damoci thanked members Susan Hopewell, Susan Jacquelin, Camille Thompson, Nick Massetti, Lynn Baid-

ack, Jeri Dolch and Alan Dale for their service.

"There was enough gardening experience in the group to help the rest of us understand the importance of the Mini Farms, including the joy of working outside, being with others who enjoyed digging in the dirt, eating food you've grown yourself, and being willing to share the produce with your neighbors," she said.

To see the full meeting, log on to lwsb.com and click "Meeting Livestream."

COMMUNITY

SUNSHINE CLUB

Learn about transportation services available in LW

GRF Fleet and Transportation Manager Grant Winford will speak at the Sunshine Club on Friday, Dec. 8, in Clubhouse 3, Room 2, at 10 a.m.

Winford will present information on the upcoming changes to the City of Seal Beach's senior transportation services, including the shopping shuttles to the Old Ranch Towne Center and The Shops at Rossmoor as well as the Seal Beach Senior Dial-A-Ride service. Winford will also provide updated information on the GRF shuttle to Main Street Seal Beach and the Seal Beach Pier.



Grant Winford

People will also learn general information about the internal Leisure World Minibus services, including the appointment-based access bus and the evening on call service. Winford, who has worked for GRF for 42 years, will offer insight into ways that the Minibus service helps reduce parking and traffic congestion within the community. He will also provide the Sunshine Club with information on connecting to the Orange County Transit Authority (OCTA) bus services, which are available at the Main Gate. OCTA buses connect Leisure World residents to local and regional area attractions and transportation options.

Winford will also introduce the four new Blue Buses the GRF Board approved that will arrive in the community this month, as well as the bus the Golden Age Foundation will equip with a wheelchair lift.

All residents are welcome to join this meeting. Sunshine Club requires no membership fees, but donations are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

The next week, Sunshine Club will have a holiday party with a Korean lunch, and entertainment by the SongBirdz, formed by Nina Da Rosa and Pam Krug. After the holiday party, the club will take a winter break from Dec. 22-Jan. 5.

The first speaker of the year will be GRF Security Director Victor Rocha.

For more information, contact Anna Derby at 562-301-5339.

Coin Club's Christmas party

On Wednesday, Dec. 13, the Leisure World Coin Club will host its annual Christmas luncheon for members, guests and past members.

The luncheon will be free for coin club members to attend and \$5 for guests.

It will be held in Clubhouse 3, Room 2, starting at 1 p.m. There will be a short meeting before lunch.

People are asked to RSVP before noon, Monday, Dec. 11. When reserving, people should give their name and the number of members or guests attending.

RSVP to Mike Supple by emailing supplemike5@gmail.com, calling 562-594-9104 or texting 714-342-8992.



Japanese American Club

The Japanese American Club will hold its Christmas party at the East Buffet, 12100 East Carson St. in Hawaiian Gardens, today, Dec. 7, at 11:30 a.m. East Buffet's phone number is 562-425-8888.

The club will charge \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members for the lunch (does not include drinks). The club's phone committee will be calling to get a count.

For more information about the club or meeting, call Sherie Vanek at 714-916-6313.

The LW Weekly
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LWer is collecting items for homeless and at-risk youth

Susan Hopewell collects donated items for the homeless and at-risk students. Items needed are new or clean used towels, new/unopened travel and normal size shampoo, soap, lotion, disposable razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, sunscreen, adult diapers, women's hygiene products, energy and protein bars, chapstick and lip balm. The only accepted clothing items for donation are new socks and underwear for men and women.

To donate any of these items, contact Hopewell at 562-430-6044 or Linda Neer at 562-430-3214 for pick up. People may also leave donations on Hopewell's patio in Mutual 6, 62-A, or Neer's patio in Mutual 2, 48-A.

Donations will be delivered to the Long Beach Multi-Service Center, which provides a variety of services to homeless individuals and families, including shower services, or to Gardena High School, which provides a variety of services to at-risk students.

Nativity Home

The nativity home is open this year at 1300 Knollwood Road, 41-B. Come see nativities from around the world on Tuesdays and Fridays from noon-4 p.m. Call 562-481-2290.

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OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING

Winter registration opens Dec. 11

On Dec. 11, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at California State University, Long Beach will begin registration for its winter session. Classes will be held on campus, at satellite community locations, and online using Zoom.

Approximately 80 classes, including 26 new ones and several free programs, will be offered covering a wide variety of subjects. They include personal finance, computer skills, music, art, crafting, fitness and wellness, Spanish, French, writing, literature history, current events, and food and movie discussion groups.

The eight-week session begins on Jan. 8, and is open to all adults aged 50 and over. Annual membership is \$40, and classes are \$15 each.

For more information including registration, visit the OLLI website, www.csulb.edu/olli.

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The map for the golf cart parade's journey through Leisure World.

ROLLIN' THUNDER

Watch the holiday golf cart parade on Dec. 9

Leisure World's popular holiday golf cart parade is in its final planning stages by the Rollin' Thunder Golf Cart Club. This highly anticipated event will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9, weather permitting.

The parade will feature dozens of colorfully decorated golf carts, and will follow a route

covering most of the community's main thoroughfares and larger residential streets. Parade participants can gather to finalize their decorations at 4 p.m. in the parking lot of Clubhouse 6. The parade will officially start at 4:30, concluding in about an hour in the same place.

Parade participants are re-

mindful to charge their batteries or have a full tank of gas prior to the parade. Membership at the Rollin' Thunder Golf Cart Club is not required to enter the parade.

Contact president Tom Davis by calling 562-431-6859 to receive more information about the parade or club membership.



Eileen Dohl (l-r), Mary Ann McGrath, Daphne Freight and Betty Morgan.

HOSPITALITY CENTER

Grab a cup of coffee with friends five mornings a week

The Golden Age Foundation (GAF) and its wonderful hospitality volunteers serve coffee, tea, and cookies between 9-11 a.m., Monday-Friday, in Clubhouse 6.

This is a great opportunity to meet some neighbors and solve the problems of the world over hot coffee. Many people

have incorporated a little coffee before or after their gym workout, ping-pong session, or neighborhood morning walk.

Eileen Dohl, a Mutual 10 resident for over 18 years, gets around as much as she can by not driving anymore voluntarily, and by walking. She attends special events, joins chair

exercises upstairs in Clubhouse 6, and makes new friends in the Hospitality Room. She invites residents to the Hospitality Center to enjoy a nice a place to relax over a cup of coffee and cookies while meeting new friends.

—Carl Kennedy,
GAF Hospitality Chair

OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE

Attend a free lecture on ageism Dec. 19

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at California State University, Long Beach, will hold a free lecture on Dec. 19 at 2 p.m. on ageism.

The program will be held at the Alpert Jewish Community Center located at 3801 E. Willow St. in Long Beach.

The lecture will be presented by Dr. Daniel Else, a professor of educational psychology and

lecturer at Chapman University. He will discuss ageism in society and how the elderly are treated depending on their respective cultures, including the emotional, moral and ethical implications.

Attendees will receive free parking and refreshments. Those interested in attending should RSVP by Dec. 15 to barbaraonthehill@verizon.net.

For over 27 years, OLLI at CSULB has been dedicated to enriching the lives of older adults in the greater Long Beach area through educational programming and social engagement.



Renee Monroy (l-r) received help from Beth Greeley and Cheryl Falconer.

GAF and Ralphs Rewards Program

Renee Monroy, a Mutual 4 resident, visited the Golden Age Foundation's (GAF) table for the Ralphs Community Rewards Program in Clubhouse 6 to receive help signing up.

Many residents will spend a lot of money on groceries, especially during the holidays. The Ralphs Community Reward Program offers a way to donate to the GAF while grocery shopping without having to pay additional fees at the register.

Every Wednesday, GAF board members are downstairs in Clubhouse 6 to help residents to sign up for the program from 9-11 a.m.

Another way people can sign up for the program is by going to www.ralphs.com/communityrewards. People will need to use the phone number related to their Ralphs Reward Card to register. People can also call the Ralphs Reward registration phone number at 800-576-4377. The GAF's nonprofit organization (NPO) number association with Ralphs FS 519.

During the holidays, the GAF board will take a break from Dec. 20-Jan. 10. No GAF Board volunteers will be there to assist residents in signing up during that time.

American Latino Club

The American Latino Club is a multi-cultural volunteer/social club that likes to have fun in a safe, respectful and kind environment. Non-members may visit two times, but by the third time they must register and pay dues.

The club's Christmas-themed event will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 19, in Clubhouse 2 from 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. The Mariachi Real San Jose will perform. Lunch will be catered by Tacos Factory. Lunch choices are two tamales (choice of chicken, beef, or pork) rice, beans, and green salad or two tacos with a choice of pork (carnitas), chicken, beef (carne asada) rice and beans. Lunch is \$15 for members and \$17 for guests. Drinks include lemonade, coffee, tea and for dessert sherbert ice cream. Those with food sensitivities may bring their own food but must let Carmen Edwards know. Those who only want to see the mariachi entertainment should arrive by 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5.

Members will be contacted by email or phone for details. All payments and RSVPs must be made to Treasurer Carmen Edwards by Tuesday, Dec. 12, either by U.S. mail or dropping it off at 1240 Oakmont Road, 52-K, Seal Beach, CA, 90740. Make checks payable to American Latino Club.

For more information, call Edwards at 562-431-4257.

America First LW Republican Club

by Brian Harmon
LW Contributor

Family Today/Family Tomorrow, an informational event covering what children are being taught in school, which is of concern of many parents and grandparents, will be held in LW on Jan. 13. The event, sponsored by the American Legion, is non-political and open to residents and non-residents alike.

Although there will be no Republican Club meetings in December, the booth is scheduled to be open in front of Clubhouse 6 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Dec. 4, 6, 11, 13 and 18.

On Monday, Dec. 11, merchandise will be available for purchase at the booth, including 5x11 foot American and Israeli flags. The American flags will be given free to those turning in old flags of the same size that are no longer usable. Otherwise, the price is \$10.

American Sign Language Club

The American Sign Language Club will now meet from 3-4 p.m., every Tuesday in Clubhouse 3, Room 6. All are welcome to attend.

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OBITUARIES

Robert Charles Muenzer
1931-2023

Robert Charles Muenzer, known as Bob, passed peacefully on Friday, Nov. 17, at home with family and care by his side after a 15-year journey with Parkinson's disease. Bob lived a long and wonderful life devoted to his family and community. Originally from Millvale, Pennsylvania, Bob graduated from Millvale High School in 1950 and served as class president, a member of the drama club and captain of the football team. He married his high school sweetheart, Joan, in 1951 and they moved to Long Beach, California, a few years later in 1955, where they raised three children: Rick, Bobby and Vicky. Bob was a dedicated husband, father and provider. He carved a career as a butcher and manager of the meat departments at various grocery markets including Iowa Pork and Cole's in Long Beach, El Rancho Markets in Pasadena and Plowboys. He loved going to the gym, participated in several bowling leagues, and was an avid Dodgers fan.

He was always willing to give a helping hand to family, friends and neighbors; service was his love language. He was a deeply loved and admired member of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Long Beach for 65 years, where he served as a deacon, member of Cutters fellowship group, and a supporter and advocate for the church's free after-school program to all Long Beach children called RISING TIDE. Additionally, he served for Meals on Wheels for over 25 years and was awarded his 50-year ring by the Masonic Lodge in 2017.

Later in life he greatly enjoyed being a grandfather and was affectionately known as Pap-Pap. Bob and Joan were very involved in their grandchildren's lives and regularly



invited them to swim in their pool and eat delicious home cooked meals. Once retired, Bob and Joan started to travel all around the world with their friends. They enjoyed many trips with Leisure World's Traveling Tigers to Tahiti, Hawaii, the Mediterranean, Northern Europe and more.

Bob leaves behind a legacy of love and service. Bob is survived by his three children, Rick Muenzer (Kristen), Bobby Muenzer (Lynda) and Vicky Stanton (Duane); 14 grandchildren Melissa, Arien, Alex, Shalee, Tara, Ayden, Jace, Quinn, Mandy, Nikki (Daniel), Troy Brianne (Brian), Bryant (Ammie) and Laura; and three great-grandchildren Everly, Gigi and Maverick.

There will be a family-only graveside service at Rose Wills where he will be laid to rest next to Joan. Those wishing to honor Bob's life are invited to donate to Long Beach Covenant Presbyterian's after school program RISING TIDE at www.covenantlb.org.

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The obituaries deadline is Friday at 4 p.m., prior to the desired Thursday publication date.

Obituaries that are received later than Friday will go in the following week's issue.

Email obituary notices to laurieb@lwsb.com with photos attached as jpg files.

The first 250 words, plus one picture, are free to publish in the newspaper; each additional word is 25 cents.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

NOCE class registration now open for the spring

The Spring 2024 Leisure World NOCE semester begins on Jan. 16 and will end May 23. Before the semester begins, students will need to register for

classes starting Dec. 5

People who experience issues logging into myGateway or applying to become a student are encouraged to call NOCE Star

Help at 714-808-4679. NOCE has been serving the community since 1973 with free, educational programs and services to empower the community.

Class	CRN	Schedule	Dates	Location
Senior Chorus	60857	Mondays, 10-11:50 a.m.	Jan. 22-May 20	Amphitheater Stage
Quilting	60483	Mondays, 1:30-3:20 p.m.	Jan. 22-May 20	CH3 Needle Arts Studio
Ceramics	61902	Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m.	Jan. 16-March 12	CH4 Ceramics Room
Ceramics	61903	Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m.	March 19-May 21	CH4 Ceramics Room
Creative Arts: Drawing	61794	Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.-11:20 a.m.	Jan. 16-May 21	CH3, Room 3
Painting	61418	Tuesdays, 1-4:50 p.m.	Jan 16-March 12	CH4 Art Room
Painting	61419	Tuesdays, 1-4:50 p.m.	March 19-May 21	CH4 Art Room
Needlecraft, Knits and Crochet	61241	Wednesdays, 2-3:50 p.m.	Jan. 17-May 22	CH3 Needle Arts Studio
Tone Chime Choir	61158	Thursdays, 10-11:50 a.m.	Jan. 18-May 23	CH3, Room 9
Health and Wellness: Exercise Class	61791	Thursdays, 9:30-11:20 a.m.	Jan. 18-May 23	CH4, Section C
Health and Wellness: Exercise Class	61792	Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:20 p.m.	Jan. 18-May 23	CH4, Section C
Ceramics	60570	Thursdays, 12:45-4:35 p.m.	Jan. 18-March 12	CH4 Ceramics Room
Ceramics	60572	Thursdays, 12:45-4:35 p.m.	March 21-May 23	CH4 Ceramics Room
Computer Basics	61975	Fridays, 9:30-11:20 a.m.	Jan. 19-March 1	CH3 Learning Center
Software Essentials Microsoft Office	61976	Fridays, 9:30-11:20 a.m.	March 8-April 19	CH3 Learning Center
Mature Driver	60962	Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.	Feb. 24	CH3 Learning Center

Democratic Club

by Mary Larson
LW Contributor

The 2024 Primary race in LW District 47 is expected to be highly competitive with currently up to 14 candidates to appear on Leisure World ballots. President Biden won the district with 54.5% of the vote in the 2020 presidential election. About 1 in 4 eligible voters were over 65 in that election.

California Sen. Dave Min and community activist Joanna Weiss are the two major Democratic contenders for election from the 47th district. Both candidates have met in person with the Democratic Club members. Min received the official endorsement of the Democratic Party.

Their best-known Republican challenger will be former California Legislator Scott

Baugh. Baugh received the official endorsement of his party. The top two vote-getters in this contest will go on to run against each other in the general election.

Congresspersons Adam Schiff, Katie Porter and Barbara Lee continue their active campaigns for election to the U.S. Senate. Lexi Reese, a fourth Democratic candidate, has dropped out of this race after receiving only three votes at the party's state-wide convention.

Leisure World residents living east of St. Andrews are reminded that Republican Tom Moore—their representative on the Seal Beach City Council—will be termed out of office at the end of 2024. The election for his replacement will be on the November 2024 general election ballot. There are no candidates to date.

There will be no Democratic Club membership meeting or Voter Education Session in December. In its place, several of the Neighbor to Neighbor Get Out the Vote 2024 coordinators plan to hold smaller social events in their Mutuals.

The LW Democratic Club believes health care is a right, diversity is a strength, the economy should work for everyone, and that facts and truth matter. Everything appearing in the press releases and semi-monthly newsletters has been fact checked to the fullest extent possible.

Leisure World Democrats and supporters are invited to subscribe to the club's electronic newsletter. Email mlarson.telfords@gmail.com. It is important to include complete contact information, including party registration, in the request.

American Legion Auxiliary delivers toys to military families

The American Legion Auxiliary made a special delivery on Nov. 27 to Liberty Housing, located next to the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station.

The Auxiliary dropped off \$1,000 of toys and gift cards

to military families across the street. The Auxiliary sends a special thanks to all of those who helped or donated.

The next event is the Auxiliary's fashion show and luncheon on March 9. Tickets are

\$40 each or a \$300 for a table of eight. Call Denese Anderson for reservations at 951-640-9340.

The Auxiliary meets every third Monday of the month. For more information, call Dianne Hart at 714-955-2885.

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ARTS & LEISURE



Paul Stevens (l) and Ernie Dinkel resting during the Photo Arts Club field trip to Sherman Gardens.

Photo Arts Club

The Photo Arts Club will host a holiday get-together on Dec. 14 at 1:30 p.m. in Clubhouse 3, Room 9. There will be a slideshow of photos taken at the club's October field trip to Sherman Gardens. People can also bring photos of their choice to be displayed and to be commented on at the meeting.

A Facebook page has been created for all LW residents interested in photography. On Facebook, look for "Photographic Arts Club of Leisure World." This is a private page to avoid outside ads or comments. To join, hit the "Join" button, and LW residents will be approved. People can post their favorite photos on the page. In the "comments" section, people can ask questions about cameras, iPhones or photography in general. A quick response will be provided.

For more information, call Regine Schumacher at 562-430-7978.

—Regine Schumacher



The Band of the California Battalion

LIVE MUSIC

Civil War Union brass band to perform in CH 4

The Long Beach City College Evening Wind Symphony and Band of the California Battalion, a fully reenacted Civil War Union Brass Band, will be featured in a special holiday concert on Monday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. in Clubhouse 4.

The wind symphony is under the direction of Dr. Gary Thomas Scott, retired dean of the School of Creative Arts and Applied Sciences at Long Beach City College. The program includes marches, holiday music, period music and a few surprises.

The Band of the California Battalion will provide an entertaining and informative program of music from the period when "instruments had character and characters had instruments."

The Band of the California Battalion is celebrating 30 years as an ensemble and has toured all over the country, providing living history presentations, concerts, reenactments and special performances at festivals and venues throughout California.

This concert is always a crowd pleaser at Leisure World and features something to be enjoyed by all. Admission is free.

Send arts stories to emmad@lwsb.com.

Video Producers Club

Christina Vegas, a member of the Video Producers Club, will take a break from volunteer technical help beginning Dec. 6.

She will restart in January. Those who wanted to make an appointment with her are encouraged to wait until January.

—Ivy Kung



Christina Vegas

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The Legends of Rock Dance Band

PICKLEBALL PLAYERS CLUB

Legends of Rock Holiday Party

The Legends of Rock Dance Band will, for the first time, feature a cast of all Leisure World residents. The group will perform at the Pickleball Club's last monthly Hump Day Dance Party of 2023 on Dec. 13 in Clubhouse 2 from 5-8:30 p.m. The party is free; donations to the band are appreciated.

Top classic rock hits will be played by Leisure World residents Jon Pearlstone, Laura Gardner, Tony Burris, John Sanchez, Andre Du Somme and Ziggy Romano; Bob Groncki can't make this one. This group has been playing together for a few months, and members are ready to rock the Hump Day Dance. The band is also adding some holiday rock and roll songs.

People are encouraged to bring friends and neighbors to what the band hopes will be the best holiday party of the year.

Legends of Rock is a group of experienced pros who play all over Los Angeles and Orange County. The band plays all the best dance tunes from rock and roll history, from the 1950s to the 1980s. The dance is BYO-Everything.

Saturday Morning Dance Class

There are two dance classes every Saturday morning in Clubhouse 6 (second floor). In December, classes are: Salsa at 9 a.m., followed by American Tango at 10 a.m. Each class is \$7 per person. Class participants vote on new dance topics every month. Prior dance experience is not necessary, and partners are not required. For more information, contact Howard Small at 516-659-3314.

Grab 'n' Go Food: Dec. 7-13

Thursday: Domino's Pizza at Clubhouse 6—Call ahead at 562-493-2212 for special orders, wings and salads. The truck is onsite from 3:30-7 p.m. Cash and cards are accepted.

Monday: Lucille's Smokehouse BBQ at Clubhouse 6—No preorders allowed. Truck will be onsite from 3-6 p.m.; cards only.

Tuesday: Taco Tuesday at Clubhouse 6—Enjoy Mexican favorites plus hot dogs, burgers and fries from 5-7 p.m. Cash and cards are accepted. No preorders are allowed.

Wednesday: Mad Dumplings Food Truck at Clubhouse 6 Parking Lot—Try Asian fusion cuisine, including dumplings, wontons and fried rice, from 4-6 p.m.; cards only.

On-call bus service is available from 4:30 p.m.; regular service before 4:30; and weekends on-call any time.

Call a ride at 562-431-6586, ext. 379.

To ask questions or give feedback, call 562-431-6586, ext. 398, or email kathyt@lwsb.com.



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Art History Club: Christmas Music Video

The Art History Club will hold its "Christmas Music Video 2023" seasonal music appreciation gathering at Clubhouse 4 on Thursday, Dec. 14, from 1-3:30 p.m. The annual meeting celebrates year-end holidays. Everyone is welcome to participate.

During the first part of the meeting, participants will hear famous liturgical and secular works composed by Bach, Handel, Mozart, Beethoven and Adam.

After a brief intermission with refreshments, attendees will watch videos of music by Bach, Beethoven, Gounod, Gomez, Tchaikovsky and Leontovych. The presentation will be given in Korean, but the video captions are all in English.

For more information, contact Yun Han Choi, 847-708-4790, or Susan Yai, 213-321-6135.

SILVER FOX CLASSIC CAR CLUB



Gary Reisner, supporter of the Silver Fox Car Club, has the keys to the iconic Batmobile from the collection at the Lions Automobilia Museum. The car club meets on the second Tuesday of each month in Clubhouse 3, Room 5, at 6 p.m. People don't need a vintage, classic or collectible vehicle to join or participate in the club's activities, just a passion for all things cars.

Community Karaoke

The Community Karaoke Club's Wednesday karaoke evening was an "Elvis" night in memory of popular and charismatic karaoke singer, Ric Dizon, who loved performing Elvis' hit tunes. Dizon's son and his wife appeared to greet members, which was a very nice surprise. Members of the "Elvis Club" from Buena Park came to join in the singing tribute. All of Dizon's favorite Elvis tunes were sung by his karaoke friends during the evening.



Ric Dizon

Christmas carols were also appreciated and beautifully sung. With 40 karaoke performers, it was a fast-paced, busy night. Vita Villamor donated hot pizza for everyone. Frank Sinatra's birthday is Dec. 12, 1915, so his top tunes may be something singers would like to sing for the audience next Wednesday evening in Clubhouse 1.

—Margie Thompson

Leisure Time Dancers

The Leisure Time Dancers hold classes on Monday afternoons in the dance studio, upstairs in Clubhouse 6. Rumba is at 2 p.m., followed by West Coast swing at 3. No partner is necessary. The class will rotate so everyone dances. Beginners are welcome. A review of basics will be included.

The cost is \$7 per person for one class and \$11 per person for two classes in a single day. For more information, contact Leisure Time Dancers President Nancy Lyons at nhlyons@icloud.com.

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NORTH ORANGE COUNTY CONTINUING EDUCATION HOLIDAY CONCERT



North Orange County Continuing Education (NOCE) will hold a free holiday concert on Monday, Dec. 11, at 10 a.m. in Clubhouse 4. Students in both the Leisure World Chorus (l) and Tone Chime classes (r) will put on a 90-minute performance. Instructor Lee Lassetter has been preparing the students all semester for this moment. Come see the talents of LW friends and neighbors. People should arrive early for the best seating.

Genealogy Club

The Genealogy Club will not hold a regular club meeting in December. Instead, there will be a holiday luncheon on Dec. 13 at noon at the El Dorado Country Club Restaurant. There is a sign-up sheet in the Genealogy Library. Carpooling is encouraged and people should indicate if they will offer a ride or need a ride.

Everybody will order from the menu and pay for their lunch. There will be fun and games to participate in and get to know each other better.

Membership renewal is open for 2024. The cost has gone up to \$15 for the year to help cover rising club expenses. Membership funds the Genealogy Library, the library subscriptions to Ancestry, Fold3 and Newspapers.com, the club's monthly speakers, supplies for the coffee hour each month and supplies for the summer picnic.

Theme Thursdays are held in the Genealogy Library from 1:30-2 p.m. Upcoming discussion topics are:

- Dec. 7: Pearl Harbor
- Dec. 14: Bring your family to the library (bring especially photos and share the story) hosted by Ann Dean
- Dec. 21: Finding Ancestral villages

The library will be closed Thursday, Dec. 28. The library is open Monday-Thursday from 1-4 p.m., closed Friday, and open Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Club members would love to hear about people's genealogy discoveries, family stories, and see old family pictures. Submit newsletter articles or photos to lwgenealogy@gmail.com.

LAHS Orchestra

On Dec. 12 at 6 p.m., the Los Alamitos High School (LAHS) Performing Arts Center will host "Nutcracker in a Nutshell," a festive event that will include a holiday craft sale, carolers, hot cocoa and cookies.

At 7 p.m., there will be performances by the LAHS Orchestra, Dance Team, Wind Symphony, McAuliffe Choir, and Los Alamitos Elementary ambassadors. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://tinyurl.com/LosAlNutcracker23>.

GARDEN CLUB

Tickets for Reagan Library trip and holiday brunch still available

Tickets for the Dec. 13 tour to the Reagan Library are \$60, which covers bus transportation and admission. The Library will be exhibiting "Christmas Around The World" with a display of 26 exquisitely decorated Christmas trees, each representing a different country. There will also be an opportunity to visit the gift shop for some Christmas shopping. For tickets, call Mary Casdorph at 562-446-0056.

The brunch will be Dec. 18 at 11:30 a.m. in Clubhouse 2. Tickets are \$25 and include a buffet of scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, potatoes, muffins and pastries provided by Country Garden Caterers. Everyone is encouraged to wear their favorite holiday adornments, including hats, sweaters, scarves and jewelry. Prizes will be given for various categories including prettiest, funniest, ugliest and more. There will be carolling, door prizes and opportunity drawings for many lovely gift baskets. For tickets, call Nancy Goldstein at 562-896-8604.

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The Cabaret Entertainers

CABARET ENTERTAINERS

Cabaret show rescheduled to Jan. 6 in CH 2

The Cabaret Entertainers has changed the date of its new show “Destinations,” which will now be performed on Jan. 6 in Clubhouse 2. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the show starts at 6. This special show is dedicat-

ed to the club’s beloved President Charlie Guggino, who passed away in October. The club will have the wonderful Eric Nelson as the events master of ceremonies and special guest comedian Adrienne Rosenfeld.

The show will feature favorite cabaret performers doing songs that are sure to spark a memory or two. People are encouraged to bring their favorite beverage and snacks, and “come to the cabaret.”



Susan ‘SeaSickSue’ Saraf

Lori “Lolo” Chamberlin (r), Libby Bond and Yo Kishi (both not pictured) put up a treetop ornament in the Clubhouse 6 Hospitality Room.

Hui O Hula

For nearly 20 years, Hui O Hula—the LW Hawaiian dance club—has been sharing its aloha in and outside the community with many hula shows. Prior to the pandemic, it was not uncommon for the Hui O Hula dancers to give more than 100 performances annually.

Today, dancers enjoy camaraderie and harmony at hula practice twice a week—upstairs in Clubhouse 6 on Tuesdays and Veterans Plaza on Thursdays—starting at 1 p.m. Meanwhile, during the holiday season, the Hawaiian dance club also gladly accepts requests to share its aloha in hula. In December, dancers are looking forward to entertaining Good Shepherd Church; Calvary Mission Church; Seal Beach Yacht Club; Korean War Vets’ Christmas party; and various assisted living facilities in the nearby neighborhood. For more class and performance information, contact 562-431-2242 or email Jojo@huihula.com.

This year, with a lighter schedule, Hui O Hula is thrilled to have the opportunity to adorn the Christmas tree in Clubhouse 4. Organized by dancers Libby Bond, Lori “Lolo” Chamberlin and Yo Kishi, along with many enthusiastic dancers/helpers, the tree is on display in the Hospitality Room at Clubhouse 6. With this year’s theme, “Peace,” the Hui O Hula Christmas tree features elements found in nature such as shells, starfish, foliage as well as hand-crafted ornaments; teamwork done by the Hui O Hula team.

—Jojo Weingart

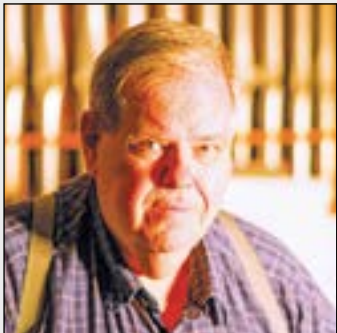


Art League demonstrator Ramayana Baba

Art League

The Leisure World Art League’s “Spotlight on the Artist” exhibit was Nov. 25 in Clubhouse 4. The featured artist was ceramics art teacher Ramayana “RB” Baba, who also serves concurrently as president of the LW Clay Crafters Club and membership chair of the LW Art League. Above is RB with a few of his ceramics pieces. He titled his series of artworks on exhibit “Along the Watchtowers.” RB’s artworks on display are in the tradition of “confrontational” ceramics because each piece explores and sends a message through humor, irony and exaggeration of controversial social and political topics.

—Larry Sioson



Peter Bates

Christmas Organ Recital

Concert organist Peter Bates, a resident of Mutual 7, will present a Christmas organ recital on the magnificent Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 607 E. 3rd St. (at Atlantic Avenue) in Long Beach, on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m. Included will be music of J. S. Bach, George Baker, Marcel Dupre, Gerald Near, Max Reger and others. Audience members are also invited to participate in singing favorite carols of the season during the concert. For more information, call the church at 562-437-0958, ext. 130.



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SPORTS & GAMES

LW POOL CLUB

Right on Cue wins fall league championship

The LW Pool Club held its Thanksgiving “The One That Got Away” 8 ball tournament on Nov. 25. There were 12 teams of partners playing seven games in a tournament where players alternated shots.

At the end of seven rounds, Ray Friedrichsen and Frank Sablan won six games to take first place. Rusty Aquino and John Barth took second place, and Bruce Pettys and Millie Larsen took third. A few days later, Friedrichsen and Sablan would compete against each other in the league championship finals.

On Nov. 27, the top four teams in the Monday and Wednesday pool leagues had their final playoffs. The playoffs consisted of a two out of three 8 ball match, with all three players on each team alternating shots. In the Monday night league playoffs, Joker’s Wild and the Cue Crew won their semi-final matches. In the Monday American League final, Joker’s Wild, with Gary Snow, Steve Mitchell and Frank Sablan, beat the Cue Crew, with Bruce Pettys, Linda Patton and Brian Burke.

In the Wednesday National League playoff, Right on Cue with Tom Zimmerman, Ray Friedrichsen and Denise Scott eliminated the Stevenators with Steve Edrich, John Burns and Milly Larsen. The Stevenators defeated the Cue Crew to take third place. In the final match for the league championship, Right on Cue beat Joker’s Wild with Tom Zimmerman making the 8 ball, which was right in front of the corner pocket. Zimmerman made some great clutch shots,



Winners of “The One That Got Away” tournament on Nov. 25 were doubles team Frank Sablan (l) and Ray Friedrichsen. This was Friedrichsen’s first time serving as a doubles team captain.

but the final game winner was the easiest one he had all night.

On Monday, Dec. 4, the league will have its season ending sweepstakes. The spring pool league will probably begin the season late in January.

For more information, call Steve Edrich at 714-980-3665.

—Dave Silva

LW POOL CLUB

Edrich: Snooker league champ

The LW Pool Club (LWPC) snooker league playoffs were Nov. 28. Snooker is a billiard game considered harder to play than regular pool and other billiard games, mostly because of the larger tables for snooker and also because of the small, light balls and tight pockets.

This season, 20 players participated in the 10-week league with the top eight players making the playoffs. Players were seeded for the playoffs based on their records. The following players participated in the single elimination playoff: Steve Edrich, 9-1, first place; Rusty Aquino, 8-2, second; Dave Silva, 8-2, third; Gary Snow, 7-3, fourth; Barry Brideau, 7-3, fifth; George Gordon, 7-3, sixth; John Burns, 6-4, seventh; John Barth, 6-4, eighth.

In the final playoff round, Edrich beat Silva 33-4, for a first-place finish; Silva second; while Aquino beat Brideau for third.

The LWPC will start a new league of straight pool to begin play on Wednesday, Jan. 10. Players must be a LWPC member to participate in league play.

For information, call Steve Edrich at 714-980-3665.

—Steve Edrich

MONDAY BUNCO CLUB

Evening fun rules CH 3

Bunco is an easy dice game and a lot of fun. The Monday Bunco Club meets the second and fourth Mondays of every month in Clubhouse 3, Room 1. The next meeting is Dec. 11. Play begins at 6 p.m. sharp. All Leisure World residents and their guests are welcome. There is a half time social to meet friends and neighbors.

Winners for Nov. 27 include Katie Carmagnola, most buncos; Nancy Floyd, most wins; Suzanne Johnston and Carol Lawlor, most babies; Johanna Rogers, most losses; Diane Seeger, door prize.

For club information, contact Katie Carmagnola at 925-413-7583.



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Duplicate Bridge Club

The Leisure World Duplicate Bridge Club meets on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays in Clubhouse 1 at 12:30 p.m. Reservations can be made at any game using the sign-up sheets. Players can also call Linda Nye at 562-453-6678 or email her at yuelingnye@yahoo.com no later than 10 a.m. on game day. Arrive by 12:15 to confirm reservations.

Nov. 20 winners (nine and a half tables): Larry Topper and Fred Reker, and Joan Tschirki and Ellen Kice, north/south: Judith Jones and Al Appel, and John Berg and April Berg, east/west.

Nov. 24 winners (eight and a half tables): Joan Tschirki and Shumel Fisher, and Howard Smith and Fred Reker, north/south: 76.35% game Judith

Jones and Al Appel, and Thad Mikols and Sue Fardette, east/west.

For complete results, go to the Long Beach Bridge Center results page at www.acblunit557.org.

For club information, contact Howard Small at 516-659-3314 or howard.small@outlook.com.

—Sue Fardette



Hoppy Hopkins (l) and Donna Gorman provided the week's refreshments for the Cribbage Club.

CRIBBAGE CLUB

Reach 121 points first and win

Cribbage is a card game, the objective of which is to be the first player to get 121 points. The Cribbage Club meets every Tuesday at noon in Clubhouse 1. Refreshments are served from noon to 12:15 and anyone arriving by 12:15 is assured a place to play. Announcements are shared, and play begins at 12:30. A total of seven games are played.

The club enjoyed homemade cake prepared by Donna Gorman. Gorman, along with Hoppy Hopkins, provided the cake and ice cream. Gorman and Sharon Rutigliano served the refreshments. The club thanks them all.

Winners for the week include Jack O'Brien, 837, first place; Barbara Wilke, 832, second; Jack Hawn, 831, third; Dolores Cook and Patsy Frank, 827, fourth. Marshia Larson and Dave LaCascia had six 121s and Rich McCarty had no wins. The club congratulates all the winners.

For information, contact Marilyn Chelsvig at 562-279-5665.

—Mary Holder



The Saturday Social Bunco Club meets on the second and fourth Saturdays of every month. The next meeting will be Dec. 9 in the Clubhouse 3 Lobby. Play begins at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 25 winners include Michelle Angevine (l-r), Geraldine Wright, Marilyn Moody (not pictured), most wins; Betty Morgan, most losses; Joyce Ingram, most babies; Arleen Cullison, Sandy Weisenstein, Linda Payne, most buncos; Dolores Ruiz, door prize. For club information, contact Doris Dack at 714-356-0443.



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Scrabble Club

The Scrabble Club meets every Wednesday from 1-4 p.m. in Clubhouse 3, Room 5. New members are welcome. A Christmas luncheon is scheduled for Dec. 20, beginning at noon.

The club met on all five Wednesdays in November.

The members combined for 67 scores above 300. Eleven of them were higher than 400. There were 52 bingos (i.e. the use of all seven tiles in one move).

Bob Ruderman led with 16 scores above 300, four of which exceeded 400. He had 16 bingos and a high score of 439. Club president Larry Edgar topped 300 nine times. He had three scores above 400, two bingos, and a best score of 446.

Jim Schneiderman had seven totals above 300, two of which were higher than 400. He had eight bingos and a top score of 437.

Three members each exceeded 300 three times. Diane Seeger had two bingos. Sylvia Makus and Wanda Bemben each had one. Their respective high scores were 379, 374, and 347.

Two members, Maria Giegerich and Donna Perkins, each topped 300 four times. Their best scores were 352 and 349, respectively. Giegerich had one bingo.

Marilyn Moody had three scores higher than 300, the best of which was a 336. Kay Pushman topped 300 twice, with a high of 302. New member Mary Barry had a high score of 304. Pushman and Barry each had one bingo.

For information, contact Larry Edgar at ledgar72@gmail.com.

—Larry Edgar

MEN'S GOLF CLUB

Dennis Jensen scores a hole-in-one on No. 2.

The Leisure World Men's Golf Club held its second tournament of the month on Nov. 22 at the 1,658-yard, 18 hole, par-54 Turtle Lake Golf Course. Three flights of variously skilled golfers vied for best net scores (gross score minus handicap), plus four circle holes (shots within a 5-foot circle rewarded) and two closest-to-the-pin challenges.

Dennis Jensen aced hole No. 2, which is a deceptively short 64-yard hole over water.

A total of 52 golfers teed off and played 18 holes on a lovely morning. The tee boxes have shown improvement over the past few weeks. The greens have nearly recovered from aeration and sanding, and fairway wet spots have mainly been resolved. Only 20 of the 52 rounds were net at or under par, and there were 55 birdies.

The low gross competition was won by John Kolthoff at 1 under 53, followed by Pat Paternoster, even par, and Bob Barnum and Rolando Ramirez, 1 over 55. Best net score was Bill Zurn at 8 under 46, then Richard Yokomi and Jack Haskins, 6 under 48. Lowest gross score was Kolthoff. Closest to the pin on the par-3 sixth hole was Pat Paternoster



Dennis Jensen aced a hole-in-one.

Men's Golf Club dues for 2024 are now due. See Dave LaCascia at club tournaments or the next general meeting on Jan. 9 in Clubhouse 3, Room 1 or 2.

at 6 feet 6 inches, and Dong On Kim on the par-3 15th hole at 3 feet 10 inches. There were also seven circle hole winners.

All scores below are net (gross score minus handicap).

A flight winners (handicaps 0-5): tie between John Kolthoff and Rolando Ramirez, 4 under 50, first place; Pat Paternoster, 3 under 51, second; Thomas Kim, 2 under 52, third; Young J. Kim, 1 under 53, fourth; tie

between Bob Turner and Bob Barnum, even par 54, fifth; tie between Dave LaCascia, Alan Sewell, Mark Rice and Ron Steele, sixth; Young Lee, seventh.

B flight winners (handicaps 6-12): Sam Williamson, 4 under 50, first place; tie between Steve Kang, Joon Sup Yoon and Jae H. Lee, 3 under 51, second; Glen Barry, 1 under 53, third; Walt Bier, even par 54, fourth; Paul Shellenberger, fifth; tie between Dennis McMonigle and Gene Archambault, sixth.

C flight winners (handicaps 13-18): Bill Zurn, 8 under 46, first place; tie between Richard Yokomi and Jack Haskins, 6 under 48, second; Scott Tuchfarber, 4 under 50, third; tie between Mark Tal and Manny Miranda, 3 under 51, fourth; Won G. Park, even par 54, fifth; tie between Peter Bae and Kevin Lindstedt, sixth; tie between Dennis Jensen and Mike Carlson, seventh.

The next men's tournament will be on Dec. 13 and every second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Those who had planned to play and cannot should contact Alan Sewell at 541-324-8558 or Dave LaCascia at 801-674-5975 as soon as possible. Arrive 15 minutes prior to scheduled tee time and be ready to play.

—Dave LaCascia

MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

Jim Goltra wins Nov. 27 A flight

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there was no men's golf league play on Nov. 24.

On Nov. 27, 13 golfers tackled the Meadowlark Golf Course in Huntington Beach. The 5,600-yard par-71 course was in very good condition although overwatered in a number of places.

The sun was out early. It was quite cool for most of the round, and very damp for the first six holes. With decent conditions the course permitted seven of the 13 rounds to be net at or under par but allowed just one birdie by Jim Goltra. Gary Stivers had fewest putts in the "A" flight, and Bill McKusky in the "B". Gene Vesely was closest to the pin on the 140-yard seventh hole (all over water), and the always troublesome 140-yard 16th had several balls stop just off the green, but no one landed and got stuck.

A flight winners (handicaps 0-19): Jim Goltra, 6 under 65, first place; tie between Stivers and Chris Lankford, 3 under 68, second; Fujio Norihiro, 1 under 70, third; Sam Choi, fourth; tie between Larry Hillhouse, Dave LaCascia and Steve Miller, fifth.

B flight winners (handicaps 20 and over): Tom Ross, 5 under 66, first place; McKusky, 4 under 67, second; Daniel Mahoney, 3 under 68, third; Lowell Goltra, fourth; Gene Vesely, fifth.

The Monday and Friday golf leagues play at four local courses, all within 15-20 minutes of Leisure World. The courses the group plays are always quite full, so advance league reservations are required with a sign-up sheet available at each round.

There is a prize pool for each round that players are not obligated to enter. Rewards are given for low net in each flight, birdies, closest to the pin on two par threes, and for the lowest number of putts in each flight. Holes-in-one and eagles (two under par), although infrequent, are generously rewarded. Those interested in playing can contact Gary Stivers at 714-313-3697 or Dave LaCascia at 801-674-5975.

—Dave LaCascia



The LW Shuffleboard Club Board of Directors includes Patty Peterson (l-r), Linda Peters, Karen Mendon, Mick O'Connell, Carol Johnson and Sally Fowler. The success of any organization is determined by the dedication, wisdom and time commitment of its board, which often receives little recognition. The club thanks each of you.

SHUFFLEBOARD CLUB

Christmas potluck this Saturday

The annual Shuffleboard Club Christmas holiday potluck will be this Saturday, Dec. 9, beginning at 5 p.m. The party is for all club members, even those who did not play in the fall league season. "Social members" are warmly welcomed. Members are also welcome to bring a special friend or loved one, just be sure they are signed in on the sign-up sheet or reserve a spot for them now by calling Eileen Kotecki at 562-340-1821. Kotecki can also answer any questions regarding the evening.

Every member who wants to play in the winter season of league play should sign up immediately. The league sign-up sheets will be at the Christmas party. The winter Friday morning league will begin Jan. 5, and Tuesday evening league, Jan. 9. Due to people traveling throughout the holiday season, it is imperative to be on the official list to be included in the team assignments. The final date for sign-ups is Monday, Dec. 11. For questions, call Kay Mount at 775-527-0426.

Nov. 28 winners: Team Rod edged past Team Karen, winning seven games out of 12. Team Rod had two players as all-game winners: veteran players Harshad Patel and Carol Schubeck.

Team Sally captured the competition with Team Jack winning eight of the 12 games. Team Sally had three all-game winners: veteran players Helene Neun and Sally Fowler plus new member Lori Probert, serving as a substitute for Team Sally. Team Jack had one all-game winner: veteran player Elizabeth Martinez.

Team Chandra had its scheduled bye Nov. 28.

Dec. 1 winners: Team Sally surpassed Team Milly winning seven games out of 12. Veteran players John Mount and Sally Fowler earned all-game winner status for Team Sally. New member Patti Nemnich was an all-game winner for Team Milly.

Team Rod powered past Team Shel winning nine of 12 games. All-game winners for Team Rod were new member Barbara Gardner and veteran players Doris Morton and Rod Osgood.

Team Carol had its second schedule bye Dec. 1.

For club information, call Membership Coordinator Patty Peterson at 562-714-7072.

—Kay Mount

LW Women's Golf Club

The LW Women's Golf Club weekly tournament had 31 golfers participating. The women played for low gross, low net and chip-ins, which means the player gets the ball in the hole from off the green.

A flight winners: Low gross: Janice Turner, 29; low net: Zoe Pickle, 25.

B flight winners: Low gross: Karen Mendon, 30 with a chip-in on hole No. 3; low net: Ann Tran and Joann Lim, 24. Nina DeRosa had a chip-in on hole No. 4.

C flight winners: Low gross: Sue Yokomi, 35 with a chip-in on hole No. 4; low net: Kay Hong, 27.

D flight winners: Low

gross: Liz Meripol, 32 with two chip-ins on holes No. 3 and 7; low net: Neva Senske, 25.

Anyone interested in joining the women's golf club can obtain an application from the golf course starter or contact Treasurer Margie Thompson at 562-493-0484 for more information.

—Liz Meripol

Bocce Club has a few spots left for winter league

Don't miss out on the fun and camaraderie of the Leisure World Bocce Club. The new winter season will begin the week of Jan. 9-14 and run through February. The finals and party will be held in mid-March. There is still room for players on Thursdays; play begins at 11:45 a.m. on Jan. 11.

Current bocce members can expect to receive their schedules via email soon. Annual dues of \$5 will be collected during the first week of play.

The GRF has approved plans to update the court and greatly improve playing conditions. The club thanks everyone who



Bocce players Kat Goyan (l-r), Dianne Daley, Estee Edwards and Patti Kilian love the game, and the parties.

participated in the meetings and showed their support. When the timing of the work is scheduled, the club will update everyone on the construction dates, during which play schedules may be

modified. The club looks forward to a great 2024 season and a beautiful new court.

For club information, call President Rhonda Cox at 714-904-6458.

—Rhonda Cox

Chess Club challenges minds

The LW Chess Club meets every Friday in Clubhouse 3, Room 7, from 1:30-5:30 p.m. Keep Alzheimer's and dementia at bay by practicing this strategy game, proven to improve short

and long-term memory, critical thinking skills and cognitive function. People are encouraged to bring one or more friends and enjoy the moment. Men and women are welcome.



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Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America is on Friday, Dec. 8. This feast is a holy day of obligation for dioceses in the United States. During this feast, Holy Family Catholic Church in LW will celebrate Mary's conception free from the stain of original sin, and recognize that Mary's life began the moment she was conceived. Holy Family's Vigil Mass meets today, Dec. 7, at 4 p.m. and Friday, Dec. 8, at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Assembly of God

For a lot of people, half the fun of Christmas morning is looking at the presents beneath the shining tree and wondering what might be inside the bright wrappings. Sometimes looking forward to what lies ahead brings as much pleasure as the actual event itself.

Pastor Chuck Franco will bring a message titled "The Joy of Anticipation," from Luke 1:39-56 and Luke 2:8-20, Sunday, Dec. 9. LW Assembly of God begins celebrating the

Christmas season with Christmas hymns and messages this week, continuing until Christmas Eve morning.

The Wednesday Bible study will begin a new video series, "The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi," hosted by Kathy Lee Gifford and messianic Rabbi Jason Sobel. The videos will take students right into the sites of biblical events, explaining the customs and culture of the times, bringing deeper insight to the stories recorded in scripture.

The visit to Bethlehem will be especially meaningful as the Christmas season approaches.

Assembly of God meets Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in Clubhouse 3, Room 2. The Wednesday Bible study is at 10 a.m. in Clubhouse 3, Room 2.

More information can be found at www.lwassemblyofgod.com, or Facebook at the Leisure World Assembly of God Church page. Contact the church at 562-357-4360, or pastorchuck@lwassemblyofgod.com.

LW Baptist

LW Baptist Church is energized by rejoicing in the savior's birth all Christmas season. No wonder the joyous magi caravan reaching Jerusalem 19 centuries ago stirred everyone.

In their homeland, the magi had learned from the sacred writings that God was with Israel and that the shout of a king was among them. Daniel the prophet, exiled in Babylon centuries before, shared remarkable foresight about Messiah's coming: the timing, the sufferings and the glories to follow.

Daniel's knowledge of Moses' and of Isaiah's prophecies equipped the magi in his charge to hand down the promises of the Jewish Messiah: "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder."

LW Baptist meets on Sundays for worship at 10 a.m. in Clubhouse. More information on the December Christmas series is available by calling 562-430-8598.

Congregation Sholom

Congregation Sholom will hold a hybrid service with Rabbi Mike Mymon on Friday, Dec. 8, in Clubhouse 3, Room 9, and via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. An Oneg will follow services. Hybrid services with Rabbi Mymon continue on Saturday, Dec. 9, in Clubhouse 3, Room 9, and Zoom at 10 a.m. To receive a Zoom invitation, call or text Jeff Sacks at 714-642-0122.

This week's Torah portion is Vayeshev from the book of Genesis. Vayeshev (He Settled) begins the story of Joseph, describing his rivalry with his brothers, slavery in Egypt, and imprisonment after his master's wife frames him in response to Joseph's refusal of her advances. It also contains the story of Tamar, her husbands, and her father-in-law, Judah.

Congregation Sholom has been serving Leisure World since 1962. It offers a traditional Jewish service in person and online.

Those who want to become a member of Congregation Sholom should call Howard Brass at 714-396-0121 for a membership packet.

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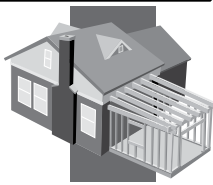


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Faith Christian Assembly

The Christmas song “We Need a Little Christmas” feels true this year for the Faith Christian Assembly church family. Look out into this dark world, the song can resemble a prayer for the community, nation and world. This is exactly what God sent, when he sent his Son—he sent a little Christmas.

It was God’s purpose to send the redeemer he knew the world would desperately need, but in the form people would never expect: small enough to fit in a manger, “Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger,” Luke 2:11-12.

In 2 Corinthians 9, Paul expresses his gratitude for the generosity of the people of Corinth. He ends the chapter with a beautiful expression of gratitude for the savior, “Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift,” 2 Corinthians 9:15.

As Paul references in 2 Corinthians, there is no joy that can compare to the gift of the Lord Jesus. Yes, indeed, thanks be to God for his indescribable gift.

Faith Christian Assembly’s Sunday service times are 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The pre-service prayer begins at 5. Residents are welcome to join the Bible study groups on Wednesday mornings at 11 a.m. The church is located at 13820 Seal Beach Blvd., Seal Beach.

To receive a copy of the free monthly newsletter or more information on the church, contact the office during business hours Tuesday-Friday by calling at 562-598-9010 or emailing at contact@fcachurch.net.

People can also visit the website at www.FCAchurch.net to learn more.

Community Church

Community Church will celebrate the joy of Christmas at its annual Christmas party on Dec. 12 at noon. A traditional Christmas dinner and entertainment will be provided.

Thanksgiving has come and gone and with it the Black Friday, Cyber Monday savings events have finally wrapped up.

It is all too easy to get caught up in the season and lose sight of the reason for the season. The birth of Jesus in the world is the gift of God’s love for humanity. It is God’s attempt to ensure people don’t miss the point and fall back into self judgement and judgement of one another. The birth of Jesus begins the new heaven here on earth, a time that people are still living and assisting in bringing into completion.

Those who want to belong to something that is life giving, creative and empowering can join Community Church.

All are welcome at Community Church. People are welcome to attend the special Christmas Eve service at 9:50



Community Church fellowship team volunteers celebrate at the annual Christmas Bazaar on Dec.1-2 .

a.m. that includes a living nativity.

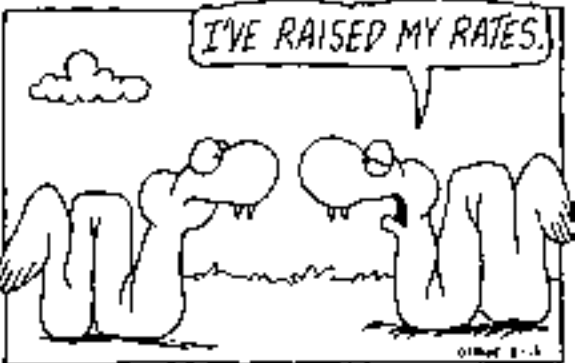
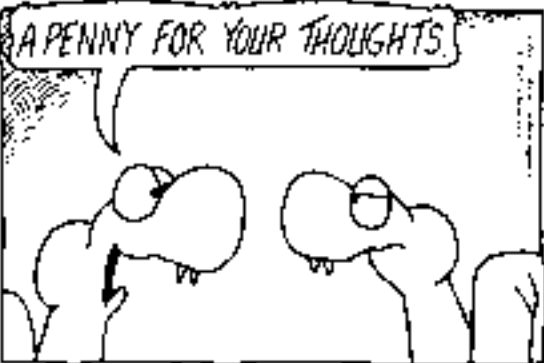
Each Sunday worship service is followed by a time of fellowship and light refreshment. People are invited to come early for a cup of coffee in the narthex. Community Church is located inside Leisure World near the St. Andrews Gate at 14000 Church Place.

People may also join the service via livestream on Facebook at [@CommunityChurchLeisure-World](https://www.facebook.com/CommunityChurchLeisureWorld) and on Zoom. People should contact the church office for the Zoom link.

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

Puzzle Answers

Puzzle pages 6-7



Crossword Answers

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Sudoku 1 Answers

9	3	5	6	7	4	1	2	8
4	1	7	2	8	9	3	6	5
2	6	8	1	3	5	7	9	4
5	4	9	8	1	7	2	3	6
6	7	1	4	2	3	8	5	9
3	8	2	9	5	6	4	1	7
7	9	4	3	6	2	5	8	1
8	5	3	7	9	1	6	4	2
1	2	6	5	4	8	9	7	3

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 81 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.
• 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.
• Each block must contain all of the numbers 1 through 9 and no two numbers in the same block of a Sudoku puzzle can be the same.

Jumble Answers

WHIHL THULY SONATA ATRIUM
When asked what body of water was named after Magellan, he answered — “STRAIT” AWAY

Sudoku 2 Answers

6	8	3	5	9	1	7	4	2
2	5	4	7	3	8	9	1	6
7	1	9	6	2	4	5	8	3
3	9	2	4	8	5	1	6	7
1	7	8	3	6	9	2	5	4
5	4	6	1	7	2	3	9	8
4	6	5	2	1	3	8	7	9
8	3	7	9	5	6	4	2	1
9	2	1	8	4	7	6	3	5

Guess Who?
Lars Ulrich

Crypto Fun Answers

A. blizzard B. chilly C. drift D. snow

Boggle BrainBusters Answers

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Word-Find Answers

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LEISURE WORLD KOREAN COMMUNITY CHURCH



Leisure World Korean Community Church (LWKCC) held the infant baptism ceremony of Dean Nathaniel Ching, who is also the grandson of Pastor Yong Jang-young, on Nov. 19. LWKCC meets every Sunday at 11:50, and the early morning prayer meeting is held Tuesday-Saturday at 6 a.m. in the sanctuary under the guidance of the senior pastor. For more information, call 714-323-0897.

First Christian Church

The pastors at First Christian Church extend an invitation to anyone seeking to honor the birth of the babe born in a manger so long ago. Throughout this month, Christmas songs will be sung with enthusiasm and joyfulness.

Pastor’s Message

The words of this well-known song can remind us not only of that precious babe born and placed in a manger, but also the reason he came,

“O Little Town of Bethlehem
“O little town of Bethlehem
how still we see thee lie!

“Above thy deep and dream-
less sleep, the silent stars go by.
“Yet in thy dark streets shi-
neth the everlasting Light.

“The hopes and fears of all
the years are met in thee to night.

“For Christ is born of Mary.
“And gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels
keep their watch of wondering
love.

“O morning stars together
proclaim the holy birth and
praisesing to God the King and
peace to men on earth.

“How silently, how silently
the wondrous Gift is given!

“So God imparts to human
hearts the blessings of His
heaven.

“No ear may hear His com-
ing.

“But in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive
Him still, the dear Christ en-
ters in.

“O holy Child of Bethlehem
descend to us we pray

“Cast out our sin and enter
in, be born in us today.

“We hear the Christmas
angels the great glad tidings tell.

“O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel.”

Weekend Services

Sunday services, from 9:30-
10:45 a.m., are traditional with
hymnal music led by Janet Ray
with Pat Kogak at the piano.
This week Beverly Sunday will
sing a solo.

Saturday services, from 9:30-
10:45 a.m., include contempo-
rary songs of worship, led by
Gregory Black with guitar and
vocal accompaniment.

Midweek Studies

Melli Herrera leads the
women’s Bible study on Mon-
days from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Pastor Gary Whitlatch leads
the Tuesday Bible study from
9:30-10:30 a.m.

Pastor Bruce Humes leads
the Thursday Bible study from
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Humes also leads the prayer
Bible study on Fridays from
6-7 p.m.

All are welcome to join any
of the Bible studies.

Scripture of the Week

“Behold, the virgin shall be
with child and shall bear a son,
and they shall call his name
Emmanuel, which translated
means, ‘God with us’” Mat-
thew 1:23.

Contact

First Christian Church is
located on Northwood Road
behind Carport 125. For more
information call 562-431-8810.

Redeemer Lutheran and St. Theodore

Redeemer Lutheran Church and St. Theodore of Canterbury Episcopal Church invite everyone to join the Advent journey to Christmas this Sunday, Dec. 9.

Bishop Murray Finck will celebrate the holy Communion service at 10:30 a.m. in the Church Sanctuary at 13564 St. Andrews Drive. Nancy Anderson will be the reader and prayer leader.

People are asked to bring canned/boxed food for the food gathering drive for the hungry in Orange County.

This week, the church will reflect on the peace of Advent as it lights the two Advent wreath candles.

The holiday season is usually anything but peaceful. There is Christmas music, things to do, presents to buy, cards to write, lines to stand in, food to prepare, and cookies, cakes and pies to bake.

On the opposite side, there can be sadness surrounding the holiday, where family is non-existent or far away or friends are too busy. Neither of these experiences are peaceful.

Where people can find peace is that quiet place within, where God is. Reflect on the good that has happened over the last year, and thank God for it. People can lay their tiredness, pain and loneliness at his feet and ask for healing.

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2023 Escrows

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Listed 15-22a	Listed 7-163k	Listed 2-37I	Buyers Agt. 10-248c
Listed 15-43e	Listed 5-115i	Buyers Agt. 7-176c	Buyers Agt. 4-47J
Listed 15-10f	Listed 7-158b	Buyers Agt. 14-25e	Buyers Agt. 10-249b
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Mutual 2 - 45E \$350,000
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Mutual 15 - 14Q \$329,000
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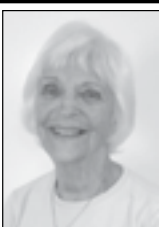
Mutual 15
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Mutual 7
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In Escrow

Mutual 12 - 43E, Mutual 9 - 231C

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Mutual 2 -24G
\$545,000

Great location, great features, fully expanded corner, 1 1/2 baths, washer & dryer, must see to appreciate!



Mutual 14 -49LG
\$450,000

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Mutual 4 -79G
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4 - 83K	2 - 69D	15 - 29E	1 - 32F
12 - 77H	2 - 34J	15 - 30C	8 - 178F
9 - 10J	3 - 5C	10 - 258I	2 - 29E
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Mutual 8 - 185K
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Two-Bedrooms

Mutual 8-196B
Enclosed Patio, Price Recently Reduced

\$299,000

Mutual 15-37R
A must see!

\$319,000

Mutual 4-46F
West facing unit w/ green view

\$409,000

Mutual 2-7G
Basic unit ready to be made a home.

\$315,000

Mutual 2-68G
Expanded corner close to carport

\$399,000

Mutual 1-6F
Rare Find! 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath with an extra room that can be used as an office or guest bedroom

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New Listing!

Mutual 14-5B

\$239,000

Available one bedroom one bathroom cottage located on the street for drive-up convenience. This lovely one bedroom has a spacious living room with added heat pump and air conditioning and is light and bright. The kitchen has built in Leisure World appliances including a stove top, oven, refrigerator, a ceiling fan and skylight. The bedroom has a wardrobe closet and sliding door to patio. The bathroom has a walk-in shower for walk-in convenience and an additional storage area. The private front patio has a walk-in storage cabinet and laminate flooring. The central location allows you to enjoy all the amenities of Leisure World, as well as the 9-hole 3 par golf course, swimming pool, Jacuzzi, gym, amphitheater, post office and health care center. Located in the lovely resort-like community of Leisure World Seal Beach featuring over 200 clubs, organizations and activities including 6 club houses and features table tennis, woodworking shops, billiards rooms, bocce ball court, shuffleboard, library, card and exercise groups, sewing, craft and art rooms, picnic area with BBQ, and so much more. Enjoy the quaint downtown area of Seal Beach, the morning sun, and the wonderful ocean breezes.



Sold in 1 day!

Mutual 15-37R

\$315,000

This lovely corner two bedroom one-and three-quarter bathroom home is light, bright, and ready to move in. The spacious living room overlooks an enclosed patio sunroom and a lovely Greenbelt view. The kitchen has built-in appliances including a stove top, oven, refrigerator, microwave, and dishwasher. It provides a tremendous amount of cupboard space and has a solar tube for brightness. The main corner bedroom has a separate closet dressing area, and the windows overlook a beautiful Greenbelt with an abundance of trees. The main bath has tile flooring, a bathtub with shower, and a solar tube. The second bedroom features a large wardrobe closet, lots of extra storage space, and a view of the beautiful greenbelt. The second bathroom has a stall shower and solar tube for brightness. This terrific floor plan has central heating and air conditioning, laminate flooring in the living room, bedrooms, and hallway, and has recently been painted throughout.

Be sure to stop by and see this terrific home that is located in the Resort-Like Community of Seal Beach.



Mutual 3-29K

\$229,000

Available one bedroom one bathroom cottage located on the street for drive-up convenience. This terrific one bedroom has a spacious living room with added heat pump & air conditioning and laminate plank flooring. The kitchen has white cabinets, built in Leisure World appliances including a stove, oven, refrigerator, laminate plank flooring and a ceiling fan. The bedroom has laminate plank flooring and a wardrobe closet. The bathroom has a cut down shower for convenience. The central location allows you to enjoy all the amenities of Leisure World, as well as the 9-hole 3 par golf course, swimming pool, Jacuzzi, gym, amphitheater, post office and health care center. Located in the lovely resort-like community of Leisure World Seal Beach featuring over 200 clubs, organizations and activities including 6 club houses and features table tennis, wood working shops, billiards rooms, bocce ball court, shuffleboard, library, card and exercise groups, sewing, craft and art rooms, picnic area with BBQ, and so much more.

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Mutual 8-185K
Mutual 11-273L
Mutual 1-25I
Mutual 2-26C
Mutual 1-26B

SOLD 2023

Mutual 8-188C
Mutual 1-30K
Mutual 5-91J
Mutual 11-267C
Mutual 1-26L
Mutual 11-268F
Mutual 4-50F
Mutual 9-212C
Mutual 6-143A
Mutual 9-225C
Mutual 9-230D
Mutual 11-283D
Mutual 4-51D
Mutual 8-189D

SOLD 2022

Mutual 14-17B
Mutual 8-188H
Mutual 8-189B
Mutual 2-40J
Mutual 2-49B
Mutual 2-17G
Mutual 9-59G
Mutual 6-117L
Mutual 15-39A
Mutual 10-258H
Mutual 6-135I
Mutual 10-258B
Mutual 1-31E
Mutual 5-117L
Mutual 12-61C
Mutual 2-63H
Mutual 3-4F
Mutual 4-88G
Mutual 2-3B
Mutual 2-8C
Mutual 10-250J
Mutual 11-286B
Mutual 12-61A
Mutual 11-286I
Mutual 5-117G
Mutual 2-46H
Mutual 1-67E
Mutual 4-49G
Mutual 8-183G
Mutual 11-285D
Mutual 9-216H
Mutual 7-164L
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13199 El Dorado Dr #208D | M9 | \$359,000
2Bed/1bath interior location with full expansion. Tile floors throughout and skylights in the kitchen and bathroom. Large bay window in living room. Walk-in closet in main bedroom with a formal dining room area!



13110 Seaview Ln #245F | M10 | \$419,000
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13346 El Dorado Rd #193D | M8 | \$339,000
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In Escrow
1541 Northwood Rd #273C | M11 | \$435,000
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NEW Listing!
13783 Alderwood Lane #23D | M3 | \$239,000
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M9 - 232C \$255,000

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M14 - 32H - \$429,000

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M11 - 273K \$329,000

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M12 - 63G \$485,000

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M2 - 30F \$629,000

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M15 - 21L \$319,000

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M1 - 46A \$299,000

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M15 - 14Q \$329,000

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