

# periodico de Esperanza



March 2012

## The State of Esperanza Streets

By Joe McCalpin

For the past couple of years there have been words spoken and written about the condition of our streets. Past President Cooke and Ben Sheffield have sounded the call that our streets need repair. In this piece, I hope to clarify the condition of our streets, the options available and the activity underway that might lead to improving the condition of EE's streets.

First and foremost, the streets belong to the County. It is the County's responsibility to maintain the streets. In this responsibility Pima County has egregiously failed. The streets were laid in the mid-1970's. In 1997 the streets were coated with a chip seal. If you look at the results of that seal, you will see that the polymer used in the seal did not bond with the asphalt. The result is the gravelly texture that you see in strips on the streets. Other than pot holes, that seal in 1997 is the only repair in over 30 years.

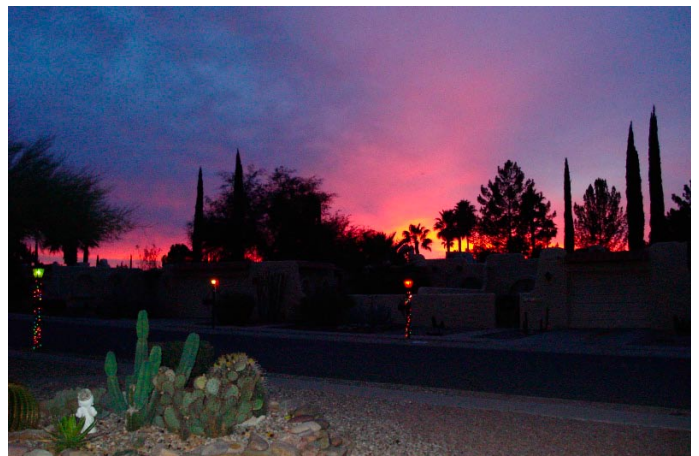
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## Photo of the Month

*Congratulations to Linda Hoy, March winner for her sunset photo.*

*To enter the monthly contest, submit up to three digital photos taken around EE during the past year. There's no limit on subject matter: flora, fauna, mountains, sunsets, etc. Deadline for the next contest: April 16th.*

*You may submit your entry/ies to Denise Roessle (droessle@mac.com) as an email attachment, or save them on a CD and deliver it to 801 Napa.*



## President's Message

By Eric Ellingson

Once again we have seen a tangible example of our homeowners working together for the benefit of our Association. In this instance we were able to initiate a program to provide restroom facilities at the Tennis Court. The project has been languishing for some time but was stimulated by an offer from an anonymous donor to subsidize the effort to the tune of \$5000.00. Ben Sheffield and Jim Lindberg worked long hours to provide a credible architectural and cost proposal which was discussed at length and finally approved unanimously at the March board meeting. A debate about whether we needed a single unisex facility or 2 separate restrooms was resolved by a generous offer from Ken Adler to provide the fixtures for the second facility. We had an excellent turnout for the meeting and a constructive and productive debate on the pros and cons of this proposal. We will follow up on several excellent suggestions made by homeowners.

Weed control continues with Tom Cooke and Boyd Morse making good use of the Gator based spray equipment. Their efforts should dramatically improve the appearance of our subdivision at substantial savings over hiring the work done.

The condition of our County streets continues to be our most serious problem. We are beginning to see some serious activity throughout Pima County on this subject. Joe McCalpin has taken on the responsibility of figuring out a sensible approach to this problem and we will be working with GVC and the County to find a long term solution. Please read Joe's summary of the current situation in this Periodico.

Finally, our Parks and Common Areas are undergoing a transformation under the able leadership of Dean Hess and with the help of the EE Gardeners led by Bill Berdine. I have received numerous compliments about the progress to date and I expect that progress to continue.

## Board Meetings

April 16,

May 21, June 18

1:00 p.m.

Sunset Ramada

*No board meetings in  
July & August*

Board member list &  
meeting minutes available  
at <http://esperanzaestates.net>

Esperanza Estates  
Homeowners Association  
P.O. Box 181  
Green Valley, AZ 85622-0181

## EE Public Art Committee

Kathy Sawin is forming a new committee to promote and create public art in Esperanza Estates. An organizational meeting will be held on Wed., March 28, 1:00, at the Ramada. All interested neighbors are invited to attend. For more information or if you can't make the meeting, contact Kathy at 399-3891.

## EE Name Badges Available

Name badges for Ramada gatherings are available for \$6.00 each. The badges are plastic with a magnet (not advisable for those with pacemakers) and will have the name of the individual and their street name. The profits from sales will go to the Enhancement Team. If you would like to order a badge, contact Melody Cooke: 399-0455 or [melodye1@cox.net](mailto:melodye1@cox.net).

## Esperanza Streets

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Although the condition of the streets is fairly obvious, a small group of “concerned residents” decided to have the County assess that condition. The official deemed the streets to be failing. A few words on what that means are in order. Asphalt streets will degrade if they are not recoated even if there is little or no traffic. The reason for this degradation is the reason we live here; the sun raises the temperature of the streets and causes the asphalt to expand. As the heat increases and the surface expands, cracks begin to appear, if these cracks are neglected, they spread. The spread of the cracks is aided by the monsoon rains. Water cools the surface causing contraction allowing water to enter. The sun heats the surface again causing expansion. Water does not compress well, but asphalt does. Water gets under the asphalt, and this causes the cracks to spread. The cracks can start either laterally or longitudinally, but sooner or later they intersect and cause “block” cracks which may be several feet square. As the process continues these blocks get smaller and smaller and you get what are called “alligator” cracks. As sun and water work their mischief these alligator cracks work loose and pot-holes appear; finally the street decays.

All this can occur over time even if there is no traffic; it is nature’s way of returning to the natural state. The only asphalt mother nature likes is at the La Brea tar pits.

To compound the situation, we have traffic, boy do we have traffic. Traffic means all of us exceeding the speed limit; us moving in via moving trucks; delivery trucks; trash trucks; and on and on. The compounding effects of traffic would not be so bad if the streets were better maintained; they are not. ***Traffic does not cause the streets to fail, lack of maintenance does; our streets are in an advanced state of failure and if nothing is done, they will fall apart completely.***

Alright, what can be done. Ben Sheffield, who has some knowledge in the area of street paving, listed some options:

- 1) A slurry seal, a purely cosmetic venture that would last a short time;
- 2) A fabric pave that would keep the cracks from spreading for a while;
- 3) Pulverize the existing paving, re-grade and re-pave (start over).

Of these three options only the third would last for any appreciable time. Eric Ellingson estimated the surface area and the associated cost for each treatment. It was/is depressing. Option 1 would cost about \$70,000. Option 2 would cost about \$350,000. Option 3 would cost over \$600,000. These costs do not include the through streets of Holgado and Portillo.

The next thought was to get the County to assess the condition of the streets and see what they thought. We had a representative from the County take a tour of the streets. His opinion was that our streets, while not completely in an alligator crack condition have so much of it that it would not be worthwhile to do anything but to lay down a double layer of chip seal and coat it with some kind of material called “fog seal.”

The thought was should we tell the County the heck with you and do it ourselves. The answer was “No.” This action would deplete our treasury and call for assessments that are well beyond our means, and the County would insist on helping us. We are stuck with the County, God love ‘em.

Now let’s look at the County. To do that we have to look also at the State. The tax revenue from the sale of gasoline is intended for streets and highways. These funds have been raided since 2002. Last year the State Legislature took all of the funds in an effort to balance the budget. They are now looking at a surplus of over 100 million dollars. Are they going to restore streets and highway funds?

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Maybe. We hear that some work is going to be done. Chuck Huckleberry, the County Administrator, spoke at the GVC Board of Representatives meeting on the 15th of this month. He indicated that there would be some work in Green Valley, namely on Abrego and perhaps others. The politicians have not placed a very high priority on streets. Hopefully that is changing.

If you read the *Arizona Star* on Monday, you saw that some of the Northern burbs are organizing to write petitions to the County and the State requesting action on street maintenance. GVC has formed a street survey group to assess the condition of all of the County owned streets in Green Valley. I think the next step will be to prioritize the repair efforts based on condition and relative importance of each type of street (i.e. through street) to aid in the planning of street repair.

We must work with GVC. We must work with County politicians and bureaucrats.

Folks, it is going to be a long war. We need to do everything and work with everyone; the infrastructure of our community is at stake.

## From the Board: Weed Control

Last year we had a serious problem with weeds--the worst in many years. It was also difficult to arrange for a private contractor to deal with them on a timetable and at a financial cost we could live with. Weed control is not included in our landscape maintenance contract because it is a very expensive add-on, and most years in the past we have been able to deal with it at a reasonable cost in other ways.

But last year due to the weed problem our subdivision looked terrible for a long period of time. As a result, the Board decided that never again would we allow Esperanza Estates to get into that same situation.

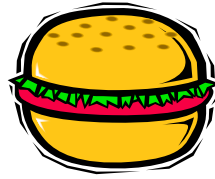
To combat the weed issue, our HOA purchased our own equipment, consisting of a small vehicle commonly called a "Gator," and a spray unit with a tank and application devices. This equipment is working very well, and so far this year, volunteers have applied pre-emergent and herbicide to approximately 75% of our common areas, and will complete the balance of the areas over the next couple of weeks. We believe we can keep our common areas looking pristine from now on, and at a small fraction of the cost of using a commercial enterprise to do this same work.

Because the Board has now committed to a high standard of weed control for our common areas, we are advising all homeowners they will need to commit to the same level of care for their own yards. In the past we have had particular problems with part-time residents, who have failed to make arrangements for the care of their own yards when away. This is highly unfair to our year-around owners, who have to put up with the unkempt yards. It is also a violation of our CC&Rs--which require that yards be kept up to a high standard of appearance.

Two volunteers are currently negotiating with yard care providers to arrange a contract price for EE homeowners. The idea is that for a flat monthly fee the yard will be kept to HOA standards. Details will be published as soon as available. EE owners can then either sign up, or make other arrangements for yard care while they are away. This year, non-compliance will result in HOA action to provide the necessary maintenance--at the expense of the owner plus a surcharge.



## Hamburger Night Tuesday, April 10th



4:30 Cocktails, 5:00 Grilling Begins

Sunset Ramada

\$6.00 per person

Includes a hamburger, cheeseburger or veggie burger. Sodas, beer and mixes supplied.

### Enhancement Committee

Thanks to your help and support, we've had another banner year raising funds to enhance our community. Our fund-raising activities are complete for this year, but we will continue with improvement projects throughout the spring and summer.

We are already planning a fun event for next year. We have set the date for a Home & Garden Tour as Sunday, March 24, 2013.

This will be a cooperative effort of the Enhancement Team and the EE Gardeners. We will need many helpers to make this a successful event. It's a rewarding way to work with friends and neighbors and to make a positive contribution to EE. If you would like to be part of this committee, please call Jackie Rautio (269-7864) or Barb McCalpin (867-8067). You will be contacted about a planning meeting that will be held this spring.



*Ramada Sale workers take a well-earned lunch break.*



*Savvy Ramada Sale shoppers lined up early*

### Documentary to Include EE Residents

Want to tell about your adventures, or a part of your life? Be in a documentary including some Esperanza residents to be shown in the spring at the Ramada. Everyone has a story.

If you are interested in being a part of this project, contact:

*EE residents Paul and Becky McCreary  
at 970-596-1505 or [stay@mainstreethouse.com](mailto:stay@mainstreethouse.com)*

Around Esperanza



## Aviation Aficionado

By Cynthia Surprise

Sue Reiser may not have traveled to the moon, but she knows people who did.

Sue has always loved airplanes and has a special fondness for the WWII planes. Her passion led her to work on crews at major air shows such as the Reno Air Races, where she waxed planes, changed sparkplugs and made connections in the aviation world.

She also has impressive credentials as an aviation photographer and was the official photographer for the Rose Festival Airshow in Portland, Oregon, and a three-time winner of the international photography competition sponsored by the International Council of Airshows.

One of her most exciting experiences was meeting the Apollo 12 astronauts: Charles ("Pete") Conrad, Jr., Richard F. Gordon, Jr., and Alan L. Bean. Sue was acting as a hostess at an air fair where the astronauts were booked as speakers. She spent several days escorting them around and remembers having a wonderful sushi and saki dinner with them. "They had a strong sense of humor, and we had a great time. They were especially relieved that I didn't grill them about their experience on the moon as so many other people did," she recalled. They kept in touch with her for several years, and gave her one of her most treasured possessions: a patch that went to the moon and back.

During her career, Sue became acquainted with other notable figures in the aviation world. Among them is Jeana Yeager, famous for co-piloting a non-stop, non-refueled flight around the world in the Rutan Voyager aircraft in 1986. She also met Madeline (Mimi) Tompkins, the first officer on the 1988 Aloha Airlines flight, which landed safely after the roof of the plane blew off in an explosion.

Sue worked at the Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum, home of the famous "Spruce Goose," the airplane designed entirely of wood by Howard Hughes. As special events coordinator, she organized the 50th anniversary celebration of the Spruce Goose's one and only flight, which was attended by Hughes' co-pilot and most of the original crew. (Hughes and several of the crew were already deceased.)

Sue was introduced to the Tucson area while employed by Evergreen International Aviation, a global aviation services company with locations in Oregon and Pinal Air Park in Marana. She flew down from Oregon to Arizona on a B-17, and the pilots let her do some of the flying.

Meeting astronauts and famous pilots was not Sue's only encounter with celebrities. Working in public relations at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota she often was called on to make arrangements for famous people who were patients at the world-renowned medical facility.



*Left to right: Allan Bean, Sue Reiser, Pete Conrad, and Dick Gordon.*

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One such celebrity was comedian Johnny Carson. Sue recalls his request to close the entire restaurant at the Kahler Hotel so he could dine alone without being bothered by his fans. Her recollections of this star were not complimentary: “He was rude and totally oblivious to the effect he had on others.”

Another well known entertainer made a more favorable impression. Sue met Danny Kaye when she was trying to juggle some boxes onto an elevator at Mayo Clinic. Making a grand sweeping gesture, Kaye said “Oh, allow me,” and helped her carry the boxes. “He was a good friend of the Mayo brothers, and would joke all the way to surgery,” Sue recalls.

Sue also spent over 20 years pursuing her “real career” as an x-ray technician in cardiac and vascular cath labs. “I truly loved working in the medical profession – especially since it helped support my aviation and photography habits,” she says.

These days, Sue doesn’t run into many celebrities. But she enjoys living in Esperanza Estates and helping people as a caregiver working for Homewatch Caregivers. How fitting that her EE home gives her a great view of the moon, where her friends once walked.

## EE Gardeners Have Bright Ideas

By Bill Berdine,

The Esperanza Gardeners have had a very busy year to date working on beautifying some of the common areas around Esperanza Estates. The year began with the installation of large cobalt blue pots and plantings around the neighborhood in such locations as the Esperanza Monument, the Portillo monument, the Ramada and Esperanza Park.



Esperanza Park has been redesigned by the gardeners. With a bit more work on the picnic tables, the park will be a great place for a picnic or a bonfire. Future plans include the installation of a walkway at the entrance to Esperanza Park to make the picnic and fire pit areas accessible to all EE neighbors.

Kathy Sawin was the driving force behind the public art which was placed in Esperanza Park. Working with the Gardeners, Kathy energized the community and together we produced a mosaic snake to reside beside the Arizona flag mural created by Kathy. The Centennial celebration was a joint effort with the Enhancement Committee, the Hospitality Committee and the Esperanza Gardeners.

The Enhancement Committee had a planting box installed at the Esperanza monument which was filled with agave by the Gardeners. Designs are being developed for the completion of landscaping at the Esperanza Monument.

Some potential future projects include the development of a small pocket park on del Norte, enhancement of Mesquite Park (suggestions for Mesquite Park are welcomed) and some work on the walking trails. As W. E. Johns said, “One of the most delightful things about a garden is the anticipation it provides.”



*Blue pots mark the entrance to the redesigned Esperanza Park.*

# Snake Head & Tail Dedication at Esperanza Park

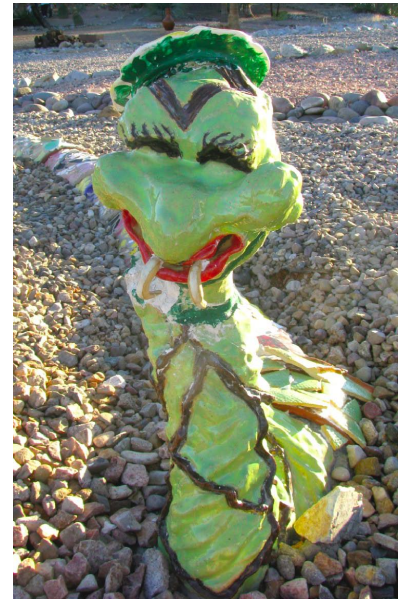


Event photos by  
Robin DeWan



## Name the Snake Contest

EE is having a “Name the Snake” contest. Submit your *written entry* to Kathy Sawin (1143 Excelso — email not available and please no phone calls) by April 10th. *Note: the snake has been determined to be female.)*



## Thinking of Painting Your House?

**D**unn-Edwards in Tucson offers EE homeowners a 10% discount on their products. You can obtain the discount when you purchase from any of Dunn-Edwards’ four locations in Tucson.

In order to obtain the discount, you must give them the EE HOA account number: 06883000.

Paint information can be handled at each store or by their field representative Bob Pierse at 730-0110 in Tucson. Dunn-Edwards will deliver in Green Valley on a weekly basis.

Homeowners should keep in mind that under the EE CC&Rs, you must obtain the approval of the Architectural Control Committee prior to starting any exterior painting, except for touch up painting. You can contact Jim Lindberg at 777-4972 or Joe McCalpin at 867-8067 to start the approval process. To determine the color your house must be painted, go to the EE website ([esperanzaestates.net](http://esperanzaestates.net)) and look under HOA documents. You will find a list of house addresses with the corresponding required color.

At its meeting in February, the Board approved a new policy which allows (but does not require) homeowners to paint interior wood walls and ceilings of garages the same color as their house instead of Norfolk Brown. Contact the Architectural Control Committee with any questions about this new policy.



# Cattle Roundup

By Karen Lepper, Guest Contributor

Have you ever wondered what it is like to get on a horse and round up cattle to be vaccinated, branded, and loaded onto a huge cattle trailer? Since we are living in Arizona, it is enriching to become familiar with such things. In 2005 I helped with roundup as a guest of Karen Zepeda Henson and Joe Henson on historic Rancho El Choyal in Sonora, Mexico, 30 miles from Sasabe. El Choyal is a nearly 14,000-acre portion of what was a 100,000-acre ranch established by the Zepeda family in the late 1800's. It saddened me to hear that the ranch was recently sold.



Present during my four days were Karen Z and Joe, their college son and his buddy, a few Mexican cowboys, and six of us "guests." There were numerous very good horses. Added to this mixture were 300+ head of cattle and a couple scrawny dogs. We guests ate and slept in the ranch house in rows of bunks covered with bright Mexican blankets, just as one might imagine. The house had running water, and from the kitchen the most delicious food was prepared and served by Karen Z to her guests.

I had taken up riding regularly but gently at age 65 and discovered how wonderful it is to ride a good horse who is respectful of its rider and loves to do his or her job. The task for those of us with limited experience was to help keep the herd together (i.e., prevent their escape) and moving toward home as the cowboys drove more of them to the herd from the hillsides and arroyos. The lead cowboy of the cattle drive was the guy the cows followed. He sang all the way, and the rest of us kept the herd surrounded. A comedy occurred when I was left in charge of eight cows and a bull, waiting for the cowboys to bring in more strays. The presence of that agitated bull was very unsettling to the cows. I had grown up on a large dairy, and knew that music calms cows in a milking barn. I thought it might work in this situation so I started singing softly. I could hardly believe my eyes when that bull just laid right down. That was either a coincidence or a true act of God! One of the cowboys had come our way just then, or no one would have believed it.

Most of us rode 3-1/2 days, returning to the house for a fine noon meal and riding out again to another area for more cattle before dinner time.

This truly was a wonderful exposure to the way the West was and still is in some very special places. I was profoundly touched by all of it.



I came away with the deepest appreciation for the men and the women who ranch ... their wealth of knowledge, business savvy and limitless skills ... hard work and optimism ... resourcefulness ... discernment of the character of others in whom they must trust to serve their best interests ... overcoming cross-cultural differences ... relying on rain to provide grass for feed. (If rain has been scarce, the cost to feed the herd can be prohibitive and sometimes requires the cattle to be sold before they are ready.)

What may appear on the surface to be the "simple life" is not at all simple. Most of the rest of us would not make it.

# Day Trip to Florence

By Lorna Kitchak, Guest Contributor

Have you ever visited a monastery? The Greek Orthodox monks of St. Anthony's Monastery, located a few miles from Florence, Arizona, allow daily tours of their grounds and chapels. It is a rewarding day trip.

On a recent visit, our group enjoyed seeing the beautiful architecture, exquisite art, abundant plantings, and Eden-like atmosphere. The monastery requires proper attire for visitors, but the effort to dress properly is definitely worthwhile. There are many orchards, including orange, apple, and olive. They also have a working bakery which produces many Greek delicacies available for sale in the book/bakery/souvenir shop. The monks also offer spiritual retreats for interested parties. Check out their website, [w.w.w.stanthonysmonastery.org](http://w.w.w.stanthonysmonastery.org) for more information. The self-guided walking tours are free, but occur only during the hours of 10:30 to 2:30. Directions and suggested attire are available on the website.

The second "don't miss" attraction in Florence is the Pinal County Historical Society Museum located in downtown Florence. This museum is a real gem containing historical artifacts, documents, and exhibits depicting the history of Pinal County. The museum contains a wide variety of exhibits depicting Arizona from early times to the present day. One of the exhibits includes the carriage and clothing of a very wealthy pioneer family.

There are also very interesting, but somewhat quirky exhibits from the prisons located in Florence. Would you believe the hang man's noose and pictures of executed felons are displayed in cases made by fellow prisoners? One can also find information on the historical houses of Florence which number over 100. This small museum has top-notch exhibits, which you will enjoy viewing.

My last recommendation in Florence is the Mt. Athos Greek Restaurant located on Hwy. 79. After seeing so many beautiful Greek chapels, one must taste a bit of Greek cuisine. Our party of 13 were very satisfied with the food. I personally recommend the pastitsio with a Greek salad followed by the baklava! It is a small restaurant, but has a large menu which will satisfy nearly everyone.

Florence is a two hour drive from Green Valley, so start out early enough to get to the monastery by 10:30 a.m.



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# Checklist for Closing Your House for the Summer

By Cynthia Surprise

Many of our readers will be leaving Green Valley before our April issue comes out, so we are republishing the SAV Vacation Checklist here.

Here's my own personal tip for remembering what items you left in EE. A day or two before I leave, I take pictures of all the rooms, then open every closet, cabinet and drawer, and take pictures of what's inside them. It's easier than making a list of items (especially if you take a lot of items back and forth), and if I don't remember whether I packed an item or left it here, I just look at the photo.

## PIMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S AUXILIARY VOLUNTEERS (SAV) VACATION CHECKLIST

Residents leaving for vacation or the summer may be leaving a welcome sign out for burglars or other potential problems. Please take the time to do the following:

1. Call SAV (520-351-6744) a week before you are leaving to request house checks. Then, about once a week SAV will check all your doors and windows. They will also look for running water, bee activity, etc. Make sure your street number is on the back of your house / gate. There is no charge for this service.
2. Make sure all doors and windows are locked. Use track locks, and pin any sliding windows. If possible, use security bars or wooden dowels on sliding doors. Lock security screen doors.
3. Close all drapes and blinds.
4. Suspend all deliveries (e.g., newspapers, food, prescriptions) and forward your mail to your summer address.
5. Arrange for an emergency key holder (or two, if possible). Make sure they have your summer contact information.
6. Arrange for yard-care to keep weeds and debris cleared away, and keep trees and shrubs trimmed.
7. Turn buckets or other containers upside-down so they won't collect water and create a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Make sure any ponds or pools are emptied, or arrange to have them properly maintained in your absence.
8. Have a neighbor keep watch for strange occurrences. 'Neighborhood Watch' programs are very effective.
9. Warning decals are available to put on your front and rear windows.
10. If available, use electric timers with multiple settings to turn some lights, even a radio, on and off at different times.

Some other things you can do:

11. Install outside motion-sensor lighting as a deterrent.
12. Mark all valuables with your driver's license number and state.
13. Keep a written record of your possessions.
14. Install an alarm system to provide added security.
15. Install rolling shutters which offer great protection, although expensive.
16. Install tinted window film to reduce glass breakage & visibility from outside.



## Aqua Exercise

By Kris Bean, Guest Contributor

**K**now you should exercise, but just can't get into the habit? Join the hot chicks and H.O.G.s (Hot Old Guys) at the Esperanza Pool. You'll find a group of active adults working out, each at his or her own pace, to improve balance and overall fitness.

Try it for a week, and you'll likely be hooked on water exercise. Why? You don't have to be a swimmer, and the benefits are many:

- You are supported by the water--relieving pressure on joints (knees, hips, ankles, spine.) You'll move more easily and with less pain.
- Immersion in water means that your legs and arms are pushing the weight of the water aside as you move. You'll burn more calories with less movement.
- Your balance will improve as you reach from side-to-side, stand on one foot, lean forward and lean back—all without fear of falling.
- Regular participation in aquatic exercise improves mood, reduces anxiety, and lowers cholesterol.
- No special equipment is necessary for a water workout, but once you're hooked on aquasize, you might consider purchasing a couple of items:
  - Water shoes—available for \$8 at your local discount store—give you more secure footing in the shower, on the deck and in the pool.
  - Water warm-up jacket—found at sporting goods stores and on-line for \$50—reduces evaporation from your skin and keeps you warm on cool or windy days.
  - Aqua buoys—durable models found online for \$25—support you for maximum benefit in deep water and are used in strength training.

Join in with the afternoon group now or jump in with the morning group in April—whichever you chose, get moving. You'll be glad you did.





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## Plant of the Month

If it's spring and you smell grape Kool-aid in the air, look around and you'll see the beautiful Texas Mountain Laurel (*Sophora secundiflora*). This spring-flowering shrub or tree has glossy, evergreen leaves, and its beautiful bluish lavender flowers, in 3-7 inch drooping clusters, are very showy. Also known as Mescal Bean, these shrubs usually reach a height of six to fifteen feet and fit well into a small garden. Bloom time is late February to March. Caution: the bright red seeds contain the highly poisonous alkaloid cytisine (or sophorine), a substance related to nicotine and widely cited as a narcotic and hallucinogen. These shrubs are drought, heat and cold tolerant, and need dry, well-drained, preferable calcareous soils. They can be planted in sun or part shade.



## Old Television Programs

In our January issue of the Periodico, we included people's memories of their favorite television programs from the 1950s. If you want some nostalgia, you can view some of the actual program on [oldiستهlevision.com](http://oldiستهlevision.com).

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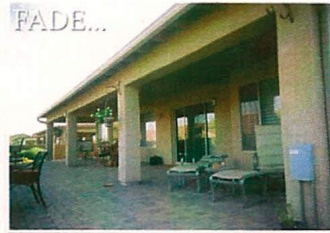
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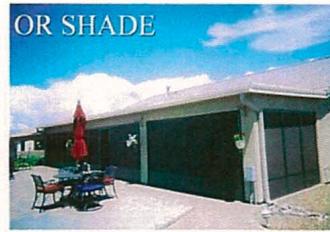


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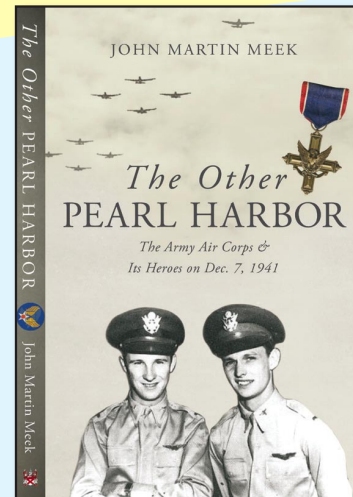
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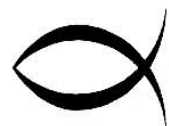


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