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Periodico de Esperanza

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President's Message

By Tom Cooke

April is the month when traditionally we see most of our winter sojourners return to their homes in the north for the season. We can see it by the decline in attendance at our social events, less use of the pool, and traffic on our streets.

Overall it has been a pretty good winter season in Esperanza Estates. We have had a lot of great social events, thanks to our Hospitality Committee and our Enhancement Team, which had a couple of highly successful fund-raisers.

The funds raised by the Team paid for a fine new masonry wall at the Ramada to hide the trash area, new trash cans and liners, colorful tableclothes for social events, and a much larger bulletin board there, and the installation of a spotlight at our Portillo entrance monument. In addition, the Team committed funds to support the Garden Committee's beautification projects at our entrance monuments, the Ramada arch, and the Walking Trail, and agreed to pay for a noise abatement study at the Ramada.

These are all highly desirable projects, and we are pleased to be the beneficiaries of their hard work on our behalf.

A few words about the noise study are in order. Those who have attended our popular social events at the Ramada are aware that when you have a large crowd there, it becomes somewhat difficult to carry on a conversation with those at your table. An expert consulting firm will study this problem and make recommendations for steps that

can be taken to abate this, and reduce the noise to an acceptable level. Depending on the outcome of the study, the HOA will consider possibly funding the work needed to alleviate this problem – providing it can be done at a reasonable cost.

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And the winner is...



Orville Smith, for this photo entitled "Did You Know Javalinas Could Fly?" captured in Mesquite Park. Congratulations, Orv!

Our photography contest will continue each month through June, then start up again in the fall. See page 4 for details.

Board Meetings 2011

May 16, June 20

1:00 p.m. • Sunset Ramada

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

Committee Reports



Common Areas

By Steve "Stoney" Brown

It seems as though every year some of our magnificent old trees come down with mistletoe infestation. Because this would eventually kill the tree, we survey the problem and contract for its removal once annually. We use the same company that we usually hire for the trimming of our tall palms, an outfit with the peculiar name, "Monstrosity Tree Service." They have the right equipment and the expertise to do the job.

Beginning with the next work cycle, our regular landscape maintenance crew will start removal of the frozen fronds on our low palms – those that can be reached without the use of a ladder. All of the palms we are aware of survived our three-day cold weather spell last winter, but suffered a lot of damage in the process, and to spruce up their appearance we need to trim off the dead material.

The taller palms will have to wait for the normal trimming, which will take place around the end of June. Much more material will have to be removed this year than is normally the case, due to the cold damage.

We plan on removing some of the sand in the Bridge Park Wash that has washed down over the past few years from the higher areas. This will necessitate the use of a backhoe and a truck to complete. However, unless we take this action, the sand will wash down onto Portillo, and then on down to lower Napa where we then have to remove it manually. Following the removal, we will place a low temporary dam across the mouth of the wash to retard the water flow and cause it to drop the sand in the wash and not carry it out onto the street. In a few years, we will have to repeat the process. That's nature at work.

As always if you have or observe problems in the common areas, call 648-7235 or 399-0455.

Notice to Departing Winter Residents

From the Board

All departing winter visitors are advised to make suitable arrangements to have their yards kept weed-free and any tall palms trimmed over the summer months – unless you reside in one of our quads.

These requirements are imposed by our CC&R's, and the language is mandatory. Last year we had a number of people who failed to take this action, so this reminder is being given as a courtesy. It is not fair to your neighbors who reside in Esperanza Estates year-around to allow those departing to neglect their yards over the summer months. Historically, we have considerable weed growth following the summer rains, and this is not something that you can simply put off until the fall when you return.

Persons failing to comply with this request will receive one warning, and if the matter is not tended to, the HOA will have the work done at the homeowners expense, plus a surcharge of 50%.

Tall palms must be trimmed once annually, before the monsoon lightning storms, to avoid the possibility of fire by lightning – which happens regularly in Green Valley and has happened multiple times in Esperanza Estates. The ideal time for palm trimming is the first part of July.

There are multiple companies in Green Valley who do yard and trim work. Please let this word to the wise be sufficient. The Board does not wish to penalize anyone, but at the same time is obligated by law to enforce our CC&R's, and will do so.



Committee Reports

Green Valley Council/ Median Green

By Joe McCalpin

As I was typing my notes from the last GVC meeting, everything looked familiar, so I checked the latest Periodico, in which I had reported on the March meeting. No news from the Council until next Thursday's meeting.

There is some good news from Median Green. A group of EE residents met with Susanne Blodgett of that organization to discuss the possibilities of improvements to the median of Esperanza Blvd. and the intersections of Desert Bell and Paseo Seco. Median Green is essentially an enabling group to get residents together with funding organizations and facilitate interaction with Pima County.

We described our issues with the current condition of the Esperanza median, i.e. the cholla forest which blocks the view of our monument on that street. Ms. Blodgett offered to intercede with the County to get the offending flora removed from those median strips. She has since called me to report that the County has agreed to clean up the areas as part of the fall cleanup.

This situation allows us to proceed with plans to enhance the monument area. We will be encouraged to adopt those median areas and to work with Median Green. I think that we could improve the looks of the medians with a few yards of river rock and some native clump grasses.

Whatever we decide to do, we are presented with an opportunity to improve the looks of our community.

President's Message, continued

Within the next few weeks, we plan on upgrading all of our pool enclosure furniture with new pieces. The existing furniture is 8 years old and has served us well, but it is time to renew it.

Despite a few days of chilly weather, overall the climate was pretty enjoyable this past winter season.

We bid our winter residents an affectionate farewell, and we shall look forward to seeing them again in the fall. For those of you who remain over the summer, enjoy Esperanza.

Bienvenidos Committee

By Cynthia Surprise

Please join us in welcoming new neighbors *Tom Buinicky and Mary Ferland* (del Sur). Tom and Mary are from New Hampshire and lived in the Villas before buying their home in Esperanza. Tom is a retired firefighter. Mary is a retired librarian who enjoys writing and has written articles for the Green Valley News.

From the Periodico team...

Denise Roessle & Cynthia Surprise would like to thank those who participated in a small focus group held earlier this month to gather feedback on the new Periodico and ideas for future issues. We received some great input that will help us make it even better!

EE Finances

Copies of the EE HOA's current financial statements are available to Esperanza Estates homeowners upon request (by contacting Joan Moreaux, Treasurer, 648-7515), as well as at all monthly HOA Board meetings.

Upcoming Events

Cinco de Mayo Potluck

Thursday, May 5th • 4:30
Sunset Ramada



Bring your favorite Mexican dish to share and join your neighbors for this annual fiesta. Soda, beer & margaritas provided.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS: *There will be a collection bin at all EE events held at the Ramada. Please help us support the local Food Bank by bringing a can of food or a non-perishable item.*

Photo of the Month 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. The Periodico Team will choose the winner, who will have their winning photo published in the next Periodico and displayed on the bulletin board at the Ramada.

Deadline for the next contest: May 15th. Please only three photos per person. 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 W. Circulo Napa.

Questions about sending digital photos? Contact Craig Surprise for assistance: 205-2742, cncsurprise@verizon.net

Volunteer of the Year: Scottie Blum

Over 100 residents were present at the Esperanza Estates Volunteers Appreciation Dinner when committee chairwoman, Kay Miller, presented the annual Volunteer of the Year Award to Scottie Blum. The standing ovation that greeted the announcement showed the volunteers agreed that this was a well-deserved award.

Scottie embodies the spirit of volunteerism that is a hallmark of Esperanza Estates. Indeed, her email

address, "going to do it all," speaks volumes about her energy and sense of purpose.



Over the years, Scottie has served Esperanza in several volunteer capacities. She was a member of the HOA Board from 2002 to 2005 and was responsible for overseeing the swimming pool from 2001 to 2005. Scottie took on the pool responsibility because she enjoyed using it, and the job turned out to be more than she anticipated. Not only did she have to arrange for it to be filled, cleaned and tested, she had to supervise the pool area cleaning crew. When they failed to meet her quality standards, she fired them and cleaned the rest rooms herself until she found a replacement cleaning service that measured up.

Recognizing the vital role organized social events play in bringing our community together, Scottie took on her current position as chair of the Hospitality Committee in 2005. Her degree in hotel and restaurant management and experience in managing a private country club make her well suited for planning our numerous parties. Scottie appreciates the hard work her committee members do to help make these events so successful.

Pat Flowers, a Hospitality Committee member,

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said about Scottie: "I can honestly say I never met a person so put together. She amazes me with her ability to put a party together. She can shop, cook, decorate and have everything ready in the blink of an eye. No panic, doesn't tire, just get out of her way — and it is done. Amazing."

And, so, Scottie, for your many years of contributing to the betterment of the EEHOA, a heartfelt "Mòran taing!"

Chef Charles of Kristofer's, who catered the event, presents Scottie's congratulatory cake.

Below, Scottie with some of her Hospitality Committee members.



Jeanne Barzen was EE's first Volunteer of the Year in 2004. She was recognized as the founding force behind the continuing effort of all Volunteers in Esperanza Estates: physical improvements in the pool area, including the new bricked area and landscaping and plantings at the Portillo end; formation of the Nature Trail; a cactus garden and landscaping in Mountain View Park; improvements and rock-ing of the wash; replenishing of gravel in many of the common areas; and purchase of all new tables for parties at the pool.



The Volunteer of the Year Award

What would Esperanza Estates be without its volunteers? Unthinkable.

As Winston Churchill said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

The tradition of honoring a Volunteer of the Year began in 2004 to recognize long-term service to our Esperanza community. Previously, the recipient was chosen by a small group of other volunteers, but this year EE residents were invited to submit nominations for the award.

A plaque memorializing the recipients of the award hangs in the Ramada. Past recipients include Jeanne Barzan, Bill Milne, Ken Miller, Sheila Bennen, Charl Petry, and Lance and Tess Ewing.

The Periodico asked a few of our volunteers: "Why do you volunteer in Esperanza Estates?" Here are their candid answers:

- I felt it would be a good opportunity to meet people in the neighborhood. (Mary Beth Wallace)
- I love EE and the people here and want to help as much as I can. (Melodye Cooke)
- To give back to a community I am so proud to live in. (Eileen Stremme)
- To meet my neighbors in EE. (LaNelle Konigs)
- I love this community. Growing up in a family of 13 children, you learn you are supposed to participate. It makes me feel better about myself. (Kay Miller)
- I like to serve. (Ed Buchholz)
- We want to make EE a better place. (Stacie Meyer & Bill Berdine)
- I like to help keep EE beautiful. (Colleen Simonsen)
- Because EE is a magical place. (Patty Adler)
- I feel it's the thing to do and it benefits everyone. (Mona Sheffield)

Geocaching – “If You Hide It, They Will Come.”

By Cynthia Surprise

Have you ever noticed people walking around a small area of EE looking for something on the ground and wondered what was going on? Well, they may have been geocaching.

“What is geocaching?” you ask. It’s a high-tech treasure hunting game played by adventurers equipped with GPS devices. The game has become so popular that no matter where on the globe you are, you can find caches hidden nearby. In fact, some people make it an integral part of their vacation trip. There are a few caches hidden in our EE common areas, so you can start playing right in your own neighborhood.

So, how do you play? The basic idea is to locate containers, known as caches, hidden by other players. After someone hides a cache, they log its GPS co-ordinates on the official geocaching website. Seekers then try to find the hidden cache by following their GPS.

Ed and Mary Buchholz, a couple of EE’s avid geocaching enthusiasts, invited the Periodico to go with them while they hid their second cache here in EE. In the process, they explained a lot about the game.

Most cache hidiers put something in the cache, and if you take something out, you should leave something of equal value in exchange. One item Ed and Mary frequently place in their caches are state quarters. They once checked their first cache and found someone had taken the quarter and left \$100 (in Monopoly money).

Each hidden cache is rated from 1 to 5 as to how difficult it will be to find, and some hiding places are very ingenious. The size of the cache container can increase the difficulty of finding it, especially those called “nano caches,” which are extremely tiny. Some caches are even painted to blend in with their surroundings.

Ed and Mary displayed some of the equipment they routinely carry when on a geocaching adventure, including a long handled magnet and mirror, a hook made from a metal coathanger, a flashlight, and even a ladder. They use the tools to help fish out some of the cleverly hidden caches. “You shouldn’t get so caught up in finding the item that you forget to watch where you put your hand, especially here in the desert,” Ed cautions.

Want to give geocaching a try? You can learn more at the official geocaching website: geocaching.com. Or, talk to Ed and Mary and catch their enthusiasm.



*Mary and Ed
Buchholz*

Your HOA Board at Work for You

By Tom Cooke

The HOA recently refurnished the gravel in some of the common areas. Upon completion of the work, the gravel firm sent the HOA a complicated and hard to read bill. Instead of merely paying the bill’s bottom line, Joan Moreaux, our HOA Treasurer, carefully audited the bill line-by-line and determined that the company had over charged us for one yard of gravel. She then deducted the cost of that yard from the bill and gave the gravel firm a careful analysis of the error.

This is just one small example of the care Joan uses in taking care of the financial affairs of Esperanza Estates. She treats the HOA’s funds as though they were her own--very carefully. She spends many hours each month keeping our books in balance, and always knows exactly where we are financially as an organization. We, as an HOA, are indeed fortunate to have Joan as our Treasurer.

Your Fascinating Neighbors

Steve “Stoney” Brown

By Mary Hess

You don’t have to travel to the British Isles to visit ancient Stonehenge. The famous rock formation can be seen in miniature along the banks of the south wash along the Esperanza Estates walking trail. As a matter of fact, an entire civilization may have camped there for all we know. The artist and purveyor of this popular EE attraction is Steve Brown, who some folks affectionately call “Stoney.”

Stonehenge was carefully researched and efforts went toward accurate recreation of the prehistoric monument, including alignment with true North. “My daughter who lives in England first suggested Stonehenge, and sent me an article to help me get started,” Steve said. He also consulted National Geographic and Smithsonian resources before erecting his version along the wash.

“I want the trail to look like little people once inhabited the area,” Steve explained on a recent narrative walk. His whimsical rock scenes help entertain visiting grandchildren, who sometimes add their own touches. “The only things I put out here are rocks gleaned mostly from the wash,” he said. A figurine of a pack mule showed up recently—shortly after it was seen at the garage sale at the Ramada—evidence that Steve’s vision inspires others to expand and enhance the settings.

There has been very little disruption of the works. Someone took a small gasoline pump

from the “general store” setting once, but for the most part the display is just as Steve designed it, starting when he and his wife, Nancy, moved to West Napa in 2002. “It got a momentum of its own once it got going,” he said, explaining the compulsion to invest countless hours bent over in the sand.

Some of the displays are obvious—turtles, dinosaurs and crabs crop up frequently. But Steve’s commentary opens the eye to other more subtle representations. “That guy there is a music conductor with two batons,” he said. It is homage to the Brown’s son-in-law in Colorado, who writes and arranges band music. The Periodico plans to publish a series of pictures along with Steve’s explanations (or as he advises, the “unexplainable”) so residents can act as informed docents when sharing the trail with visitors.

The EE Trail has been an ongoing project and passion. Steve widened the section at the hole in the wall along Calma, lining it with rocks. “I thought it looked like a good place for snakes to hide, so I made it easier to see where you were stepping,” he said. When the rains washed debris out onto Portillo, Steve and Bob Hutton used shovels and a wheelbarrow to clean up the street after county services failed to respond.



Steve also donates his time and skills at the Pima County Air Museum one day a week. He is one of EE’s most interesting and hardest working residents.

Pictured: Steve Brown’s Stonehenge

The Artists & Artisans of Esperanza Estates

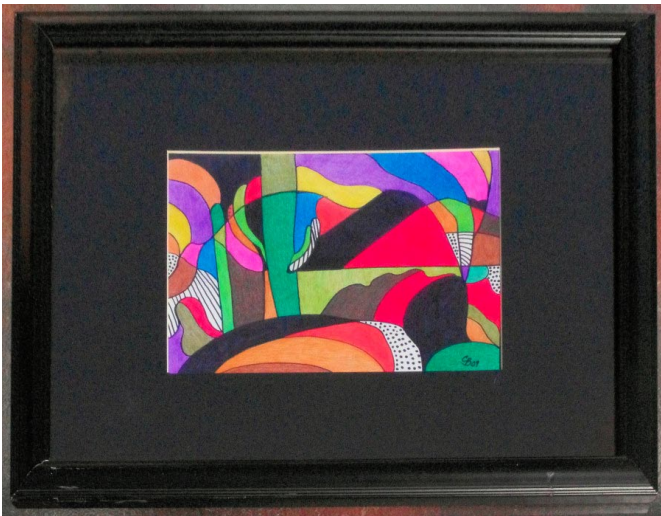
By Cynthia Surprise

Esperanza Estates may not have acquired Tubac's reputation as an artists' community, but we can count a number of artists and artisans among our residents. A few of these talented neighbors generously allowed the Periodico to give you a peek at some of their creations.

EE residents will have an opportunity to see our artists' works displayed at the Ramada Art Walk being planned for next year. If you are interested in having your work shown, or would like to volunteer to help organize this event, please contact Cynthia Surprise at cncsurprise@verizon.net.



Barbara Carver has been making jewelry for over 6 years and constantly strives to create more intricate designs. She has sold many of her creations, gives many more as gifts to family and friends, and has donated pieces to the silent auctions held in Esperanza Estates. Barbara also teaches lapidary at GVR. She says the design for each piece is inspired by the characteristics of the specific stone she is using.



Carol Ballard became an artist when she retired in 2008. While she has worked in watercolor, her primary medium is colored pencil. She is a member of the Tucson Colored Pencil Artists' Association, and her work was recently displayed at the TCPAA's spring show at the Murphy Gallery in Tucson. One of Carol's goals is to perfect her technique in portraiture.



Stephen Day is a full-time, professional artist working mainly in oil and focusing on landscapes. He often paints on location and has recently painted scenes in Southern Arizona. Steve's work is displayed in a number of galleries throughout the West. When they aren't in Esperanza, Steve and his wife, Cheri, reside in the artist community of Taos, New Mexico.



Carolyn Liljegren began working with ceramics when she moved to Esperanza and finally had time to pursue a lifelong interest in painting. Many of Carolyn's pieces, from whimsical figures to beautiful vases, are displayed throughout her home, while others have been given as gifts. In addition to ceramics, Carolyn enjoys doing needlepoint and crocheting.



Kathy Sawin, a multi-media artist whose work includes sculpture, watercolors and mosaics, is a member of the Santa Rita Art League. Kathy's unique mosaics are made from pieces of broken dishes, and their shapes often inspire the designs she creates with them. Working as a volunteer art instructor in local schools,

Kathy has made a real difference in the lives of students whose success in art has helped build their self-esteem.



Colleen Simonsen began making jewelry just three years ago, but her natural flair is already evident in the pieces she has created. Inheriting her father's extensive rock and mineral collection sparked Colleen's interest in lapidary, and she hopes he would be proud of her work.



Stein Simonsen, a skilled woodworker for many years, began wood turning three years ago and aspires to create increasingly more challenging pieces. Recognizing his natural talent as a craftsman, his instructors at GVR have encouraged him to pursue his craft.

Where Have All The Foodies Gone? Gone to Tucson Every One

By Sandy Reed

The word “foodie” is of recent origin, and there are extreme, conflicting opinions about the people who are called such. Many think that people who have the wealth and time to fly off to Amsterdam to buy cheese or to Bangkok for unique spices, are just crazy. They claim that these same morons pull out their camera phones to take pictures of the food they are eating in exotic restaurants and immediately send the pictures on to friends. They make displays of calling chefs out of kitchens for congratulations. All rather foolish and in bad taste.

Foodie supporters, on the other hand, argue that their colleagues are merely people who like to know how food is produced, enjoy a wide variety of tastes, and are interested in unusual products from other places. They care about what they eat. Their enthusiasm about food is similar to that of sports fans, opera buffs, or peanut butter addicts.

Do we have a few foodies hidden away in Esperanza Estates? No matter. Just about every household is interested in where good food is available at reasonable prices and where the best particular types can be found.

AJ's – 2805 Skyline Drive, 232-6340

This is probably the top grocery store in Tucson. It is the high end of the well-known Basha's grocery store chain, of which Food City is at the low end. It has excellent meat and cheese departments, plus good produce and many packaged products not easily found elsewhere. A popular indoor-outdoor restaurant is attached and customers can buy in the store to consume at the restaurant. Incidentally, don't snub Food City if you like Mexican cuisine. It carries most of Basha's regular lines, plus many special meats (ox tails, livers, animal feet, etc.) and produce from Mexico.

TRADER JOE'S – Tucson has four locations of this growing national chain. Trader Joe's buyers seem to search out the best of just about every product line they sell, and if Trader Joe's puts its own name on the labels, you know it's a good product.

TOTAL WINE – 4370 N. Oracle, 887-0174

It would be hard to name any liquor, beer, or wine that is not sold in this enormous warehouse of a store. The prices are considerably under those at other outlets.

ROMA IMPORTS – 627 S. Vine, 792-3173

A bit hard to find, but worth the trouble: east on 22nd street, north on Kino-Campbell, west on 15th street, south on Cherry, west on 16th street, south on Vine. Imagine a large Rome supermarket packed into a Mom and Pop store. Canned and packaged Italian goods, but the best here are large portions of Italian specialties, cooked and frozen on the premises: chicken cacciatore, lasagnas of beef, shrimp, cheese, etc., and a wide selection of Italian soups and desserts. A small restaurant is at the rear where these same delicacies can be enjoyed.

DICKMAN'S MEAT AND DELI – 8646 E.

Broadway, Tucson, and 6472 N. Oracle, Oro Valley. A sleeper. Their meat, fish, and poultry section is rather small and uninteresting. BUT, look in their glass fronted freezers. They sell meat and sausages of rabbit, elk, quail, alligator, ostrich, antelope, kangaroo, Cornish game hen, squab, snake, poussin (young chick), and more. And if you happen to kill a javalina in your yard some night, Dickman's will render (cut it up for eating) it for you.

LEE LEE ORIENTAL SUPERMARKET –

1990 W. Orange Grove Road, 638-8328

If you have ever lived in or spent some time in the Orient and liked the food, this place is for you. It is one of a small, 15-year-old Arizona chain (Peoria, Chandler, and Tucson) of enormous supermarkets, with food items from all over Asia. Canned and packaged delicacies, spices, herbs, sauces, etc. It also carries a large selection of meat, fish, and produce. A Vietnamese restaurant is on the premises.

If you know of other places for good, unusual, or exotic foods in Southern Arizona, Sandy Reed would be glad to hear from you, perhaps for a future article on this topic: areed56@cox.net, 648-0334 or 393-1427.

Pima County Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers 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.

TECH TALK

The Periodico is pleased to announce that Dr. Geek, a well known technology expert, has joined our staff to answer technology related questions submitted by EE residents. If you have a question (basic or advanced), please submit it to droessle@mac.com.



Dear Dr. Geek,

My grandson is coming to visit me next week from Minnesota. He will not be bringing his computer with him, but he said he could work on his term paper while he is here because he stored it "in a cloud." I want him to think I'm up on all this technology mumbo-jumbo, but I don't understand what he is talking about. Please help me maintain my tech-savvy image.

Regards,
Nana on Napa

Dear Nana,

I'll try to make the concept of The Cloud application a little less nebulous for you.

Right now, without using The Cloud application, all of the documents you write are created and stored on your own computer. The Cloud lets you write your documents on the internet and save them online at the server of the company that provides this online software (for ex., Google Docs).

What your grandson plans to do is to start his term paper on his own computer at home in Minnesota, but store it in The Cloud. When he is at your house in EE, he will be able to access the paper through the internet using your computer.

Of course, when saving your documents in The Cloud, you must have adequate security measures in place.

Technically yours,
Dr. Geek

We recommend...

If you've used a home improvement, repair or other vendor whom you wish to recommend, please contact Denise (399-3312, droessle@mac.com).

Advertisers: please encourage your EE clients who are happy with your services to recommend you!

Joe Vitello has been taking care of our house during the summer for several years. We have nothing but praise for him.

— John and Dorothy Beers

I hired Nancy Diaz (398-9518) to redo my atrium, which had been wiped out by the recent freeze. She responded quickly and did the work within a few days. The results of her efforts, and that of a workman who handles her heavy stuff, are just fine and unexpectedly inexpensive. Incidentally, Nancy's organization did a lot of the original landscaping of Esperanza Estates when Whigham was building it. A pretty good recommendation in itself.

— Sandy Reed

Danny's Tree Service (904-0047) recently trimmed the large tree in our front yard. He did an excellent job and the cost was reasonable, plus he's in Green Valley.

— Bill and Dagmar Duncan

NOTE: In a future issue, the Periodico will run a complete list of those who have been recommended since we started this feature and also post that list on the EE website.



In Memoriam

Marion Bosshart
740 Calle Del Regalo
March 28, 2011

Deloras O'Neil
1201 Circulo del Norte
April 12, 2011

Edward Moreaux
737 Circulo Napa
April 16, 2011

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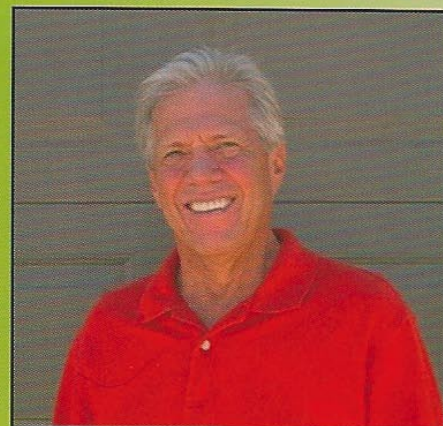
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Roof Coating
By Tom

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In Green Valley*

Not a licensed contractor.



April Mystery Corner

THE COCKTAIL PARTY

Doris Omega was assassinated as she sunbathed near her house in her large front yard. A clean, neat bullet hole went through her temple. Homicide Inspector Plato found two witnesses: a Mrs. Alpha who happened to be walking by the Omega yard, and a Mrs. Beta who lived across the street and apparently was looking from her porch at the time. Both stories were the same – a tall man with a beige stocking over his head came around the Omega house, shot the victim carefully through the head, and disappeared back around the house. A very professional job.

While Plato had interrogated both ladies independently, he had no other evidence and decided to see them again. Mrs. Beta was completely cooperative by phone and suggested that Plato come to her house about five one afternoon. To save him bother, she said that she would invite Mrs. Alpha, whom she did not know, to come also. Plato gave her Mrs. Alpha's phone number.

Both Mrs. Alpha and the Inspector arrived at the Beta home at the same time. The gracious Mrs. Beta offered them drinks, and while Plato declined, Mrs. Beta dashed to her kitchen and quickly prepared a cocktail for herself and one



for Mrs. Alpha. They then discussed the Omega incident in full, and the ladies' accounts had not changed one bit. However, Mrs. Beta did mention that she had heard that the Omega family was in financial difficulties and was borrowing heavily.

But Inspector Plato was not satisfied with this visit and became quite suspicious of the two ladies. What roused these doubts in his mind?

Answer in next month's Periodico. The Puzzlemaster is available to give minor hints at 648-0334 or 393-1427.

Answer to March's puzzle:

The butler said he was winding the mansion's large hall clock by key at exactly 8:20. At that time the large and small hands of such a clock cover the two holes into which the key must be inserted to wind.

Welcome New Owners!

Peg Skogstrom
1173 W. Calle Excelso

Mary Ferland & Thomas Buinicky
1101 Circulo del Sur



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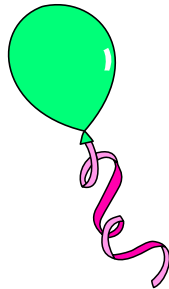
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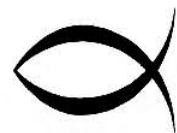
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