

## Fun Run In Sun City

# Sun Citizens Living Up To Their 'Active' Reputation!

On Feb. 12, more than 400 people gave new meaning to the word "active" in Sun City's original slogan.

They walked, jogged and ran in Sun City's first annual 5,000 meter "Fun Run."

Winner was Les Hebert, 43, of Phoenix. He ran the 3 1/8-mile back street "course" in 19:05, averaging 6 1/2 minutes per mile.

In the 50-59 age bracket, the winners were Clair Decker of Glendale, 20:00, and Norma Richardson of Tempe 30:04.

In the 60-69 year class, the winning marks were set by Richard Elton, 21:49, and Edna Laflin, 28:40, both of Sun

City.

In the 70-79 year class, winners were "Mac" McLeod, 23:02, of Mesa, and Mia Wilhusen, 39:05, of Sun City.

The previous day a three-hour physical fitness seminar included an address by 70-year-old "Mac" McLeod of Mesa, winner of his age bracket in the Sun City contest, who recently completed the 26-mile Hawaii Marathon.

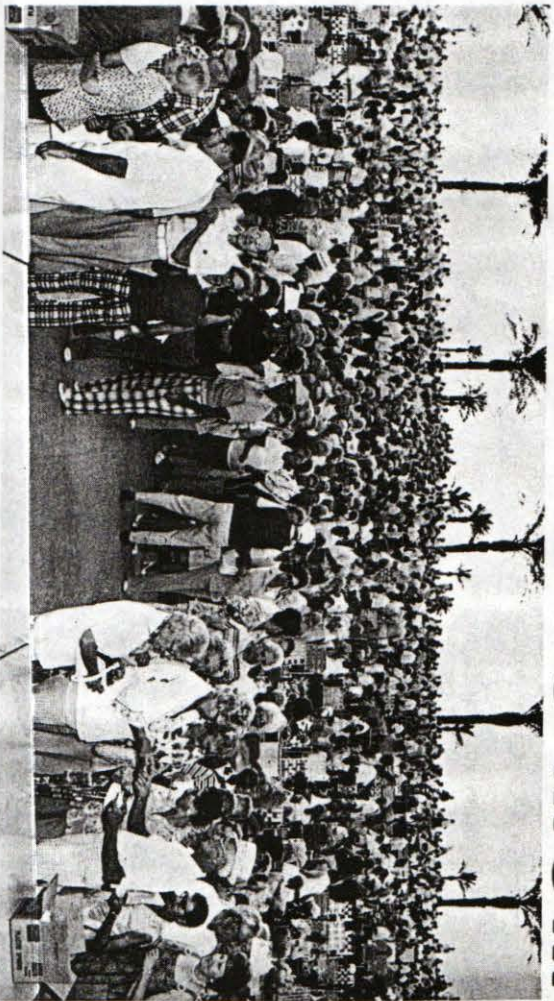
McLeod had been averaging 2500 miles per month, and last November completed 24,000 miles of running.

Also speaking at the seminar, open and free to the public, were three doctors and a nurse.



SCENES FROM Sun City's first annual 5,000 meter "Fun Run."

# A SUN BOWL SALUTE TO MOM



## **Rootbeer to toast Dad at Sun Bowl Sunday**

The 50-member Phoenix-Kachina Chapter of Sweet Adelines, Inc., will be featured barbershop singers at Sun City's annual Father's Day Rootbeer Bust.

The traditional rootbeer party-program is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in the Sun Bowl.

Cold, frosty rootbeers will be served to all male Sun City residents and their guests, while vocalist Jaye Valenzuela and bass player John Lloyd will perform.

**SELECTIONS ON** their program will include "Granada," "Road to Mandalay," "La Bamba," "Malaguena," "Rancho Grande" and others.

The Sweet Adelines, large group of women barbershop harmonizers, will take the stage at 8 p.m.

The hour-long concert will include "Strike Up the Band," "Yes, Sir, That's My Baby," "If You Knew Suzie," "Keep Your Sunny Side Up" and "This Is My Country."

**THE HOLIDAY** Rootbeer Bust is sponsored admission-free by the Del E. Webb development Co. Recreation center membership cards will be checked at the gate.

Audience members should take their own comfortable seating, as chairs will not be provided.

# DADS GET SUN BOWL TREAT



# Sunrise service fails to garner sponsorship



STEVE CHERNEK/DAILY NEWS-SUN FILE PHOTO

The sun rises over the Sun Bowl in Sun City for an Easter service. Lack of interest to sponsor the service has canceled this year's event.

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For the first time since anyone can remember, there will not be a community Easter sunrise service at the Sun Bowl in Sun City.

For years, the Area Ministerial Association has organized the service, which was sponsored each year by a different church.

"This year no body wanted to do it," said the Rev. Deborah Schauer, pastor of the Youngtown United Methodist Church and president of the association.

She said that there were a number of factors that may have led to the cancellation of the service. One of them was decline in service attendance in recent years; the other had to do with the reorganization

of the AMA.

"Attendance has dropped from when they first did it," Schauer said. "Last year there were 400 to 500, which is still a good showing."

"But the church that was asked to do this backed out last year," Schauer said. "I asked the churches of Youngtown to come together. We're just little churches, but it was a beautiful service."

This year, Schauer said, the organization attempted to generate interest.

"We tried to call the churches to see if there was an interest," Schauer said. "Yes, it does take a lot of work to organize. But nobody wanted to do it."

Schauer and Valerie Jackson, AMA secretary, said that the group is going through a

reorganization to reflect the growing number of churches in the area.

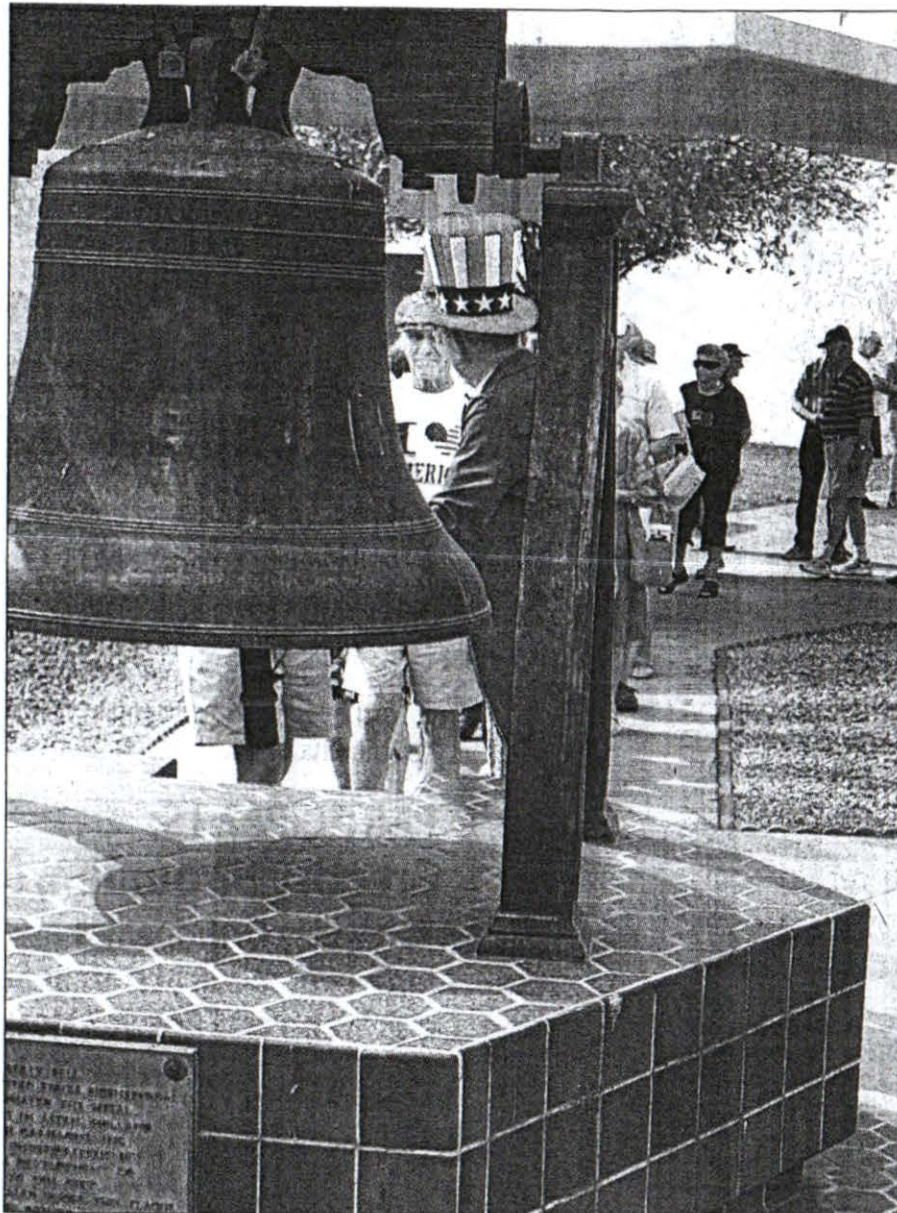
"There are a lot of new churches in the area and they are now doing a lot of things independently that the organization was involved in in the past," Jackson said.

In addition, the group has seen its own meeting attendance decline in recent years.

"What we were trying to look at is low attendance as far as coming to meetings, so we sent surveys to get ideas on how to revamp it," Schauer said. "And basically got no response. We heard from the retired ministers, but the active ministers are busy in their own churches."

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"Uncle Sam"  
Ray Mills  
leads Sun  
City residents  
in the ringing  
of the Sun  
City Liberty  
Bell during  
the Fourth of  
July  
celebration at  
Bell  
Recreation  
Center.



JARED HARTUNG/DAILY NEWS-SUN

## Veteran adds personal note to Bell ceremony

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DAILY NEWS-SUN

With an echoing "Gong!" the Fourth of July celebrations kicked off in Sun City Tuesday.

As many people prepared for picnics and readied for rockets and fireworks, Sun City residents packed the Social Hall at the Bell Recreation Center to remember how they are granted the freedoms sought 230 years ago.

The Ring That Bell celebration spearheaded the day's festivities the same way it has for the past 27 years in Sun City, as attendees walked up and rang the Sun City Liberty Bell. But before the sound of the bell could echo throughout the community, the words of Les Nagy, a veteran of the Korean War, rung in everyone's ears.

"Some of us take our liberty for granted," he said. "So take a minute and thank those who brought you freedom. Remember freedom is never free."

Nagy would understand. Like so many other Sun Citians, he is a veteran who protected our freedom.

He was asked to speak to

the gathered crowd Tuesday and recounted the price that is paid for freedom.

Drafted into the Army in 1950, Nagy served in Korea and lost two of his best friends during the war, losses that still weigh heavy on his heart and mind.

"I didn't say anything about the war until a couple of years ago," he said. "Veterans call it a forgotten war."

Nagy now gives his account of the war so his friends and all the soldiers' stories are not forgotten.

Dropped at the base of a mountain in Korea and told by the Jeep driver, "You're on your own now," Nagy found his way to camp. He befriended two men who would lay to his left and right during sleepless nights, but by the time Nagy left Korea, both were gone.

During a late night raid while Nagy was on guard, the enemy attacked and killed nine men in his camp, including Nagy's good friend, Bob.

As the veteran told his story he stopped to wipe at his eyes. More than 50 years

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later, tears still form and sorrow is still felt for his friend.

"These are some of the things that happen," Nagy said.

Nagy was responsible for setting booby traps and mines and disarming enemy explosives while in Korea.

"I don't know how I am here today," he said. "I must have been conned into that job."

It was that job that cost him the life of another good friend, when his buddy was called late at night to report elsewhere in the camp. His friend took a shortcut to his destination, running into the explosives set earlier by Nagy.

"I'm the one who set it up," he said. "For the enemy, not him."

But in war, "things like that happen," Nagy repeated.

"At times I wondered what

I was doing 15,000 miles away from home," he said. "I didn't ask for this."

Nagy found peace and his answer when he recently went back to Korea.

"After that trip, I was glad I served," he said. "It made me feel good."

Ray Mills, who emceed the event, said he understood why many veterans don't want to talk, but he also knows their stories must be remembered. He was pleased to find Nagy willing to talk.

"When you want someone to talk about anything," Mills said. "You want to find someone who has been there and done that."

Nagy has been there and he has done what he was asked — he helped secure our freedom.

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Daniel D. Smith of Sun City, aided by Ray "Uncle Sam" Mills, rings the bell during the Ring That Bell ceremony on Friday, July 4, 2008.

## Ex-FBI agent headlines Ring That Bell

STAFF REPORT

The Recreation Centers of Sun City will honor tradition this 4th of July with the Ring That Bell ceremony at the Bell Recreation Center, featuring a decorated former FBI special agent as the keynote speaker. At 9 a.m. in social halls 1 and 2, Sun City residents and friend alike will take the time to honor the principles on which this country was founded.

Ray Mills will emcee the program as Uncle Sam, and with his wife Betty as Betsy Ross, will greet residents. Sgt. Richard Luders, American Legion John Harries Post 101 of Sun City, will present the colors. The Rev. Stan Giza, St. Clement of Rome Catholic Church, will provide the invocation. Bill Lohmeyer, a Sun City resident, will be the vocalist and lead the audience in several patriotic songs.

The keynote speaker for the ceremony will be Constable Ron Myers of the Arrowhead Justice Court. This court serves all of Sun City, part of Youngtown, most of Peoria and Glendale north of Bell Road.

Myers is a 1969 graduate of the University of Arkansas-Little Rock with a degree in business administration. In 1970, he became a special agent for the FBI, a position he held until his retirement in 2000. During his career, he served in Albany and Ithaca, New York; Philadelphia and Phoenix. He was assigned to Phoenix from 1973 to 2000.

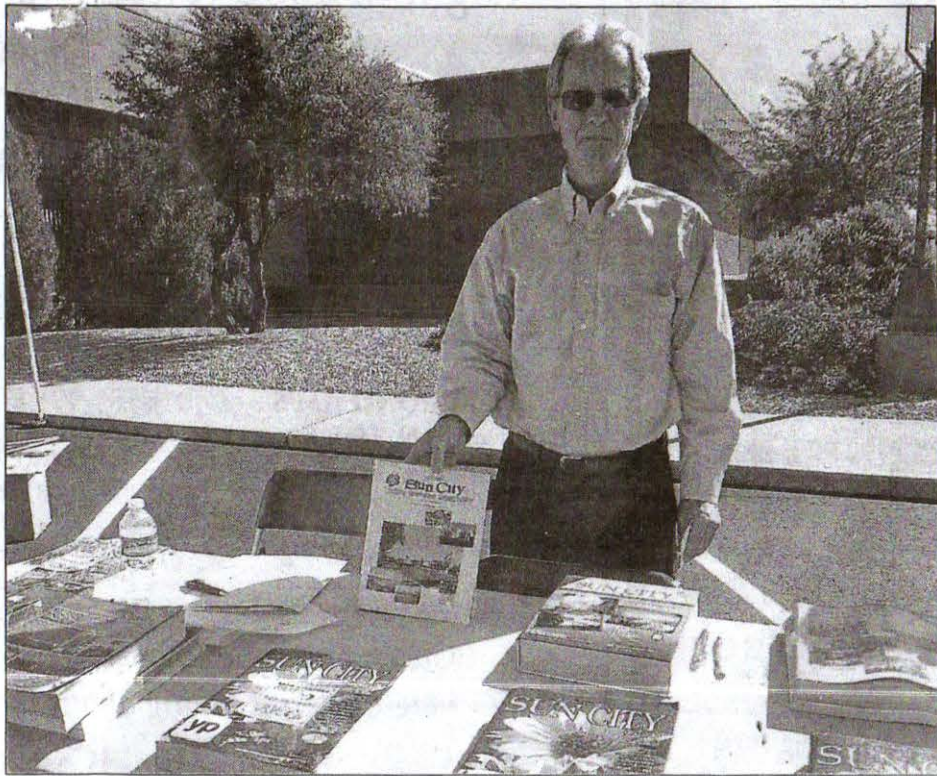
Myers worked on a variety of cases during his time in the FBI, ranging from background investigations to bank fraud, bank robbery, fugitives, public corruption, interstate stolen property, domestic terrorism and drug matters. During his last three years, he served as the principal firearms instructor responsible for all firearms training for the FBI in Arizona.



### Holiday cheer

The Daughters of the American Revolution WTM Chapter spread holiday cheer by ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. Pictured are Allen Nash, Ray Barkhaus, Nancy Horskey and Jan Huber. [Submitted photo]





Sun Cities Publishing Account Executive Tony Tauer displays Sun City phone books at the SCHOA 14th Annual Open Air Market at Sundial Recreation Center Monday. [Tina Gamez, Daily News-Sun]

PRINT

## Yellow pages still read in Sun Cities

By Tina Gamez  
DAILY NEWS-SUN

Print telephone directories may be going the way of the dinosaur in many areas, but in the Sun Cities the dinosaur still has a giant footprint.

The Sun City telephone directory, first published in 1960, is in its 54th year. "I've been representing the directory for 20 years, and it's widely used and accepted out here," said Tony Tauer, an account executive with Sun Cities Publishing. "It's a unique product that matches a niche market."

Tauer said he has been told the Internet was "going to replace the print product," but, "seniors grew up

with the print, and they still like to use it."

He said he read reports that 31 percent of homeowners have no Internet connection and of those 65 and older, 54 percent have no Internet.

"Print's still strong and alive out here," he said, adding one of his computer repair advertisers told him people go to the directory when they need his services.

After the Sun City West and Sun City Grand communities were developed, they were added to the Sun City directory. The only thing that distinguishes them is the cover — each community has its own cover; everything inside

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## Books

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"The directories themselves are quite unique in the fact that in the front of the directory we offer these community sections," said Frank Jaro, an account executive with Sun Cities Publishing. "When you first move in, these are all pieces of information that are very, very important."

Inside the front part of the directory, residents can find emergency numbers that include the Sun City, Sun City West and Sun City Grand fire departments and poison control. Other community sections have frequently called numbers, a newcomer's guide, attractions, golf courses, performing arts, transportation, day trips, Arizona ZIP codes and post office listings.

It also has information on the area service clubs, homeowners associations, the Sun City Taxpayers Association, recreation centers, churches and synagogues, social services, government pages and much more.

What makes the Sun City directory especially different than others is the white pages. "It lists where everyone currently lives, their last name, their first name, where they used to live and what their former occupation used to be," Jaro said.

Information gathering for the directory goes year-round. "It's a huge project



Sun City phone books from top left, 2012, 1978, 1999, and from bottom left, 1986, 2013, 1989, on display at the SCHOA 14th Annual Open Air Market at Sundial Recreation Center Monday. [Tina Gamez, Daily News-Sun]

that SCHOA has been part of for a number of years," said Carole Studdard, the Sun City Home Owners Association marketing coordinator.

She said the "strong thrust of information gathering is during the summer and into the fall" when SCHOA reaches out to the community through its newsletter, email or by inviting residents to stop by the office and give their information for the directory.

"We ask them to give us their information so it's something we keep a very close eye on... we double check that to make sure it's correct," Studdard said, adding "we don't arbitrarily just

put information in."

Studdard said the book "is very, very well organized."

The hometown section of the directory breaks down every state of the union and different countries and where people are from. "We list all those people. So there's every little town you could think of in here."

The directory has gone through several different publishers over the years and the current publisher, Sun Cities Publishing, located in Scottsdale, will have the 80,000 copies for the three communities printed in Oregon.

Something that distinguishes this directory from others is "it's the only direc-

tory sponsored by the Sun City Homeowners Association and Residents Association, and they get paid for their sponsorship agreement," said Sun Cities Publishing General Manager Don Davey.

The directories are delivered to residents in January, and distribution is "unique" in that the publisher contracts the Lions Club in Sun City, the Kiwanis Club in Sun City West and the Stitchers in Sun City Grand, Davey said. "They coordinate and they have street leaders that come pick up the directories and hand deliver every directory."

The directories arrive on

pallets with approximately 90 pallets going to the Lions Club, and the Kiwanis and Stitchers each get 15 to 20 pallets. It takes the Lions Club about four weeks and the Kiwanis and Stitchers approximately two weeks to deliver them to every home and business.

Studdard said SCHOA retains a large number of the phone books "for the folks who may not have one, so they can come in here to get their phone book."