

## THE NEWSLETTER

# Sun City West



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## Best in Fiesta Bowl Parade

*The Sun City-Sun City West float travels down palm tree-lined Central Avenue during the Fiesta Bowl Parade. The float won the coveted President's Award, signifying the best entry in the parade. Two members of the Sun City Saints, two representatives of the Sun City Senior Softball League and a Milwaukee Brewer stand atop the float's first section. Fans and concessionaires riding along behind. The parade annually precedes the Fiesta Bowl football game.*

It's Christmas time in the Sun Cities and, as everywhere, the lights are up and so is the spirit. We hope all of you readers of The Newsletter have the most joyous of holidays.

Speaking of holidays, isn't that the time of year when there's no place like home? Sure it is, and more and more people are writing to tell us of their upcoming moves to Sun City West.

After five years of vacationing in Sun City, Sigmund (Ziggy) and Stella Zombek have now purchased a new home at 18407 129th Avenue in Sun City West and hope to make the move from Parma, Ohio in January. Ziggy is retiring from Cleveland Trust Bank after 23 years as a sergeant of bank police and Stella has been in data entry supervision for close to 20 years, most recently with Pentor/IPC Publishing. They both enjoy swimming, walking, reading and bicycle riding.

Edward and Evelyn Hickenbach of Des Plaines, Illinois are very likely already in their new home at 12947 Castle Rock Drive. And they say the move to Sun City West is a "dream come true." The Hickenbach's daughter, son-in-law and two grandsons live in Tucson and there are other relatives in Phoenix, so one can foresee family reunions on the horizon.

From Springfield, Illinois come Harold and Ninzel (pronounced "9-zell") Anoe, who expect to move into their home at 13910 Westgate Drive early next year. Harold is retiring from the Illinois Department of Transportation, where he has been a cartographer for the past 31 years. He also played string bass in the Springfield Symphony Orchestra for 28 years, so he'll be happy to know of the Sun City Symphony, which is comprised of Sun City and Sun City West residents, along with musicians from the Phoenix area. Ninzel has already retired from her

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position as Admissions Officer/Student Advisor at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. Ninzel says they play "party" bridge and enjoy swimming, golfing and bicycling.

A letter from Ethel and Leigh Rice of Hockessin, Delaware lauds the Newsletter for its interesting news items and photographs. Thank you, Rices. Ethel and Leigh hope to arrive at their new home at 12733 Banyan Drive sometime in April, 1980, at which time they look forward to participating in a multitude of activities. "We're looking forward to the life where every day is a holiday," they say. Both are retiring from the DuPont Company — husband Leigh from the Chemicals, Dyes and Pigments Department and Ethel from the Advertising Department. They'd love to hear from any Banyan Drive-area neighbors. If you qualify, why not drop the Rices a note at 185-E Alexis Court, Caterbury Hills - R.D. 2, Hockessin, Delaware 19707.

The popularity of the Sun City-Sun City West area is well documented, and the November issue of Valley National Bank's "Arizona Progress" newsletter verified it again. Arizona's warm, dry climate is attracting new residents to all areas of the state, but during the past eight years (1970-78) Sun City has realized the largest percentage growth in population. Climbing from 13,631 people to 45,125, Sun City's 231 percent growth rate ranked it ahead of such popular areas as Lake Havasu City (196 percent), new home of the famed London Bridge.

A recent study indicates that 1.7 million Americans over 55 years of age are enrolled in formal education of one kind or another. The study says the return to the classroom helps rekindle the zest for new experiences and helps strengthen the student's feeling of self worth. Hundreds of Sun City West and Sun City residents currently enrolled in classes at Rio Salado College could attest to that. They're taking courses ranging from "Assertive Training" to "Contemporary Literature," and many students opt for the college's pass-no credit option, which means they don't have to take exams. Further information may be obtained by writing Rio Salado College, 10451 Palmeras Drive, Sun City, AZ 85373.

Lowell Treaster passed along a funny story recently in his "Lighter Than Air" column in the local News-Sun newspaper. Seems like a husband had bought his wife a new set of golf clubs and was patiently trying to teach her to play. At the first tee the wife addressed the ball, started her backswing, then hesitated and let the club fall to the ground. "What's the trouble, honey?" her husband asked. "Nothing much," she replied, "except I have one question. Suppose one day while I'm playing golf I get hit on the head with a golf ball and pass on. Will you then marry another woman?" "Yes, I suppose I would," admitted the husband. So once again the wife began her backswing, but again she hesitated and dropped the club to the ground. "One other question," she sighed. "When I'm gone

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## **Sundome progress**

*A December aerial photograph illustrates the extent of progress on the construction of the Sundome Center for the Performing Arts. Arizona's largest theater. With the area of it's main arena nearly large enough to accommodate two football fields layered*

*side by side, the Sundome will seat 6,800 persons in roomy comfort. It's ceiling height is equivalent to a four-story building. For the audio purist, a sophisticated sound system will make everyone think he's sitting front row center.*





## Art Museum

*Two area residents admire a painting titled "Cornfield Gathering" at the Sun City-Phoenix Art Museum, the only satellite art museum in the United States. The painting is part of the Sun City Biennial Exhibition, which featured works by Sun City artists. Upcoming exhibitions include "American Ceramics," "The Image of Woman in*

*Modern Art," and "Ikebana: The Art of Japanese Fresh Floral Arrangement." The museum provides unique cultural enrichment to the Sun City-Sun City West area. It is located at 9744 W. Bell Road and open 10AM to 4PM Tuesday through Saturday and 1-4PM Sunday.*

and you marry again, are you going to give that woman my beautiful new golf clubs?" "Of course not," replied the husband, "Your clubs are right handed." Oops!

Our friends from the 134th Avenue Cul-de-sac Club will celebrate a Southwestern Christmas tradition when they set out "luminarias" on Christmas Eve. Lit at dusk, according to Mexican custom, the glowing "luminarias" light the way for the Christ Child. Club members are New Yorkers Vi and Pat Cutrona, Missourians Blanche Barry, Michiganders George and Betty Kemnitz, Marylanders George and Loise Copes and from New Jersey, Marie and Frank Schwarz.

Members of the Sun City West Property Owners and Residents Association recently cast their ballots for the 1980 Board of Directors. Elected to three-year terms were Loise Copes, Lawrence Cross, Joseph Kelso, Bob Porterfield and Walter Schneider. Elected for two-year terms were Rose Ratner, William Mason, Arthur Knapp, Lawrence Tate and Arthur Massey. Elected for one-year terms were Glen Stoffer, John Cusick, Frank Hamblett, Cyril Meusey and Ronald Perry.

The Sun City West Men's Golf Association has been formed and Bill Moulder is the group's president pro tem. Other pro

tem officers are John Kolis, vice president; Robert Porterfield, secretary; Carl Anderson, treasurer; Charles Dodd, tournament chairman; Art Massey, handicap chairman; and Ted Norager, greens management. Sixteen foursomes participated in the group's first tournament at Pebblebrook. Membership applications are available at Pebblebrook.

The four-wall racquetball courts at Johnson Recreation Center were the site of a recent tournament. Jan Eldridge won the women's intermediate division, George Mueller took the men's intermediate division and Bill Moon captured top prize in the open division.

The new Sun City West chapter of Retired Officers conducted a key meeting recently at Luke Air Force Base. Highlight of the meeting was the election of 1980 officers.

The Sun City-Sun City West entry in the 1979 Fiesta Bowl Parade won the grand prize, the coveted President's Award. Themed "Take Me Out To The Ball Game," the float depicted the three teams that play ball in Sun City Stadium, the fans that cheer for them and the concessionaires that make the games more enjoyable. The three teams are, of course, the Sun City

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Saints, the Sun City Senior Softball League squads and the Milwaukee Brewers, who conduct spring training in Sun City. Leading the local entry down Phoenix's Central Avenue was the Sun City Pom Pon Girls, those enthusiastic women who hit the big time earlier in the year when they appeared on NBC's prime-time program "Real People".

Speaking of ball teams, a squad comprised of Sun City Senior Softball League players recently split a two game series with the Las Vegas Silver Sluggers in games played in Las Vegas. The locals won the opener 22-12, then lost the second game by the same 22-12 score. Leading the Sun City team was Sun City West resident Ed Pinter, who smashed three home runs and two triples while playing an errorless first base. The Silver Sluggers finished second to Hawaii in September's National Senior Citizen Softball Tournament, so the two-game split was indeed an achievement. The Silver Sluggers captain said the Sun City team, despite its non-All Star status, would have finished in the top six nationally. Sun City is planning to send a team to next year's tournament.

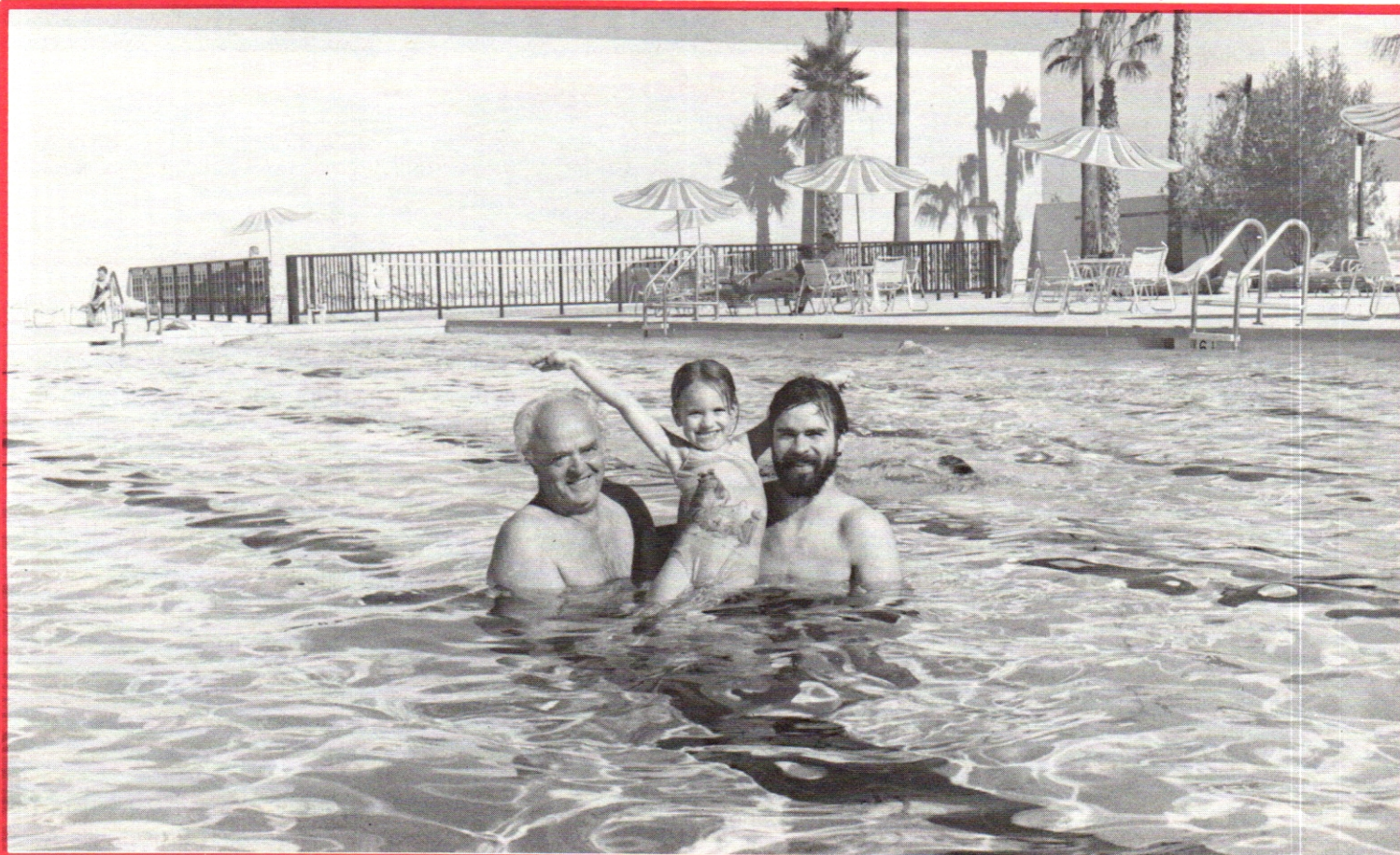
This is more of an Easter story than a Christmas one, but here it is anyway. Returning home after a four-month absence, area resident William Dause turned the key of his 1973 Oldsmobile and got nothing. When he raised the hood, out popped a furry rabbit. (Almost as good as pulling a rabbit out of a hat, wouldn't

you say?) In any case, Dause proceeded to check his gas tank, and everything else he could think of that would be causing the vehicle not to start. A neighbor joined in the investigation and before long the culprit was found. The rabbit had eaten through the coil wire. Of course, as any detective novel reader will tell you, disconnecting the coil wire is one of the quickest way to prevent an enemy from giving chase. Wasn't such a dumb bunny after all.

With that little bit of humor we'll bid you all adieu and say that's it for this edition of The Newsletter. We're still very interested in your plans and thoughts as you get ready to make the move to Sun City West, so take a few minutes and drop us a line. In fact, why not make it one of your New Year's resolutions?

Sincerely  
*Dave Samp*  
Dave Samp

*Dave Samp, the new editor of the Newsletter, has been editing the Sun City West Activities Calendar since its inception. He's been with the Webb Public Relations Department for nearly two years. Prior to that, Dave was a journalist in Tucson.*



## **While it snows in the East . . .**

December weather in Sun City West has been fabulous. As temperatures hovered in the high 70s, Sun City West resident John Kohn (left) frolicked in the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center pool with son Rick and granddaughter Heather. The Kohn clan hails from LaGrange Park, Illinois (a Chicago suburb) and Rick said

that there was four inches of snow on the ground when they left on their Sun City West vacation. Looks like five-year-old Heather is glad she's in Arizona. Grandpa's glad she's visiting, too. "She's my sweetheart," he says.

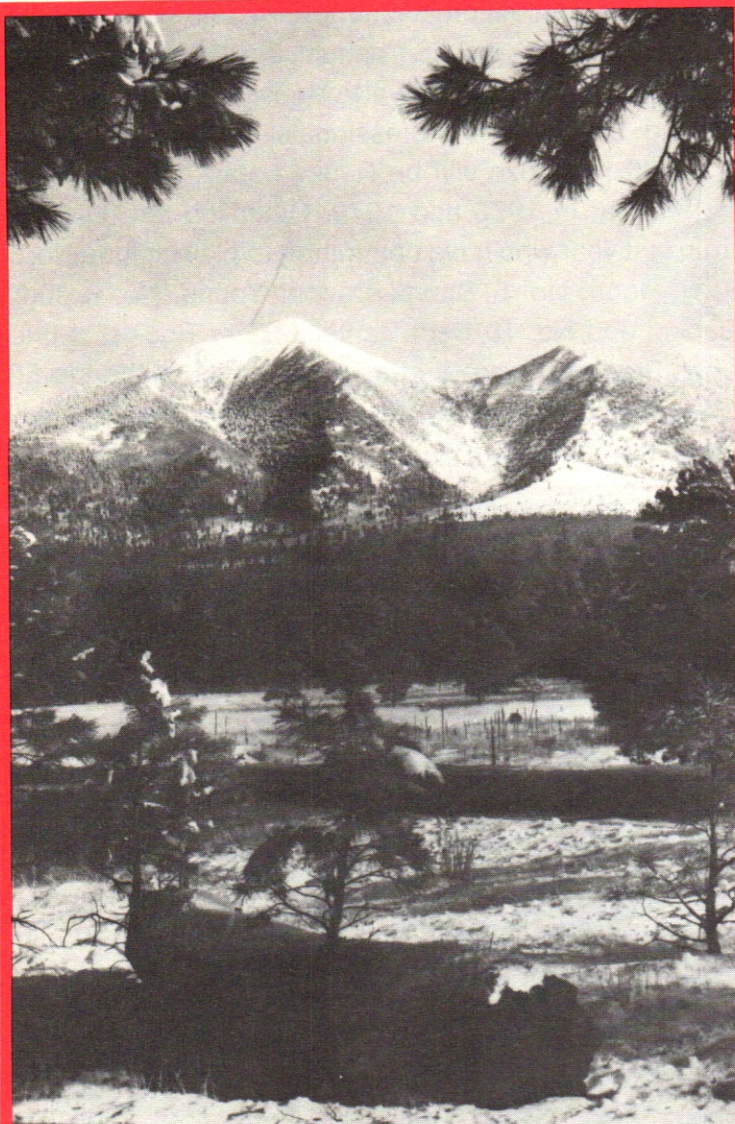


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### Arizona's high country

Arizona is widely known as being in the heart of the Sun-belt, but few visitors realize the tremendous variety the State offers. Pictured here are the San Francisco Peaks north of Flagstaff. During the summer the State's mountain high country provides outdoor enthusiasts with gorgeous scenery and pine-scented air. This time of year snow comes to the high country and provides a recreational paradise for winter sportsmen.

### SUNNY AND WARM HERE

## *How's the weather back there, folks?*

From all we've heard, it's been an unusually mild winter in the East and Midwest, and heck, that makes it tough to brag about the great weather out here in sunny Arizona. Well, I just checked the Monday, February 4, weather report and I think it may be a good time to start comparing.

Sun City West residents basked in the sun that day. The high was 80 degrees, the low 51. Meanwhile, Chicagoans experienced a high of 24, a low of 8 and the outlook was for snow. Milwaukee's temperature range was 22 and 7. Pittsburgh reached 21 after an early morning low of 7. Duluth, Minn., dropped to 7 below. Brrrrrrr.

Now that I've got that out of my system, let's get on with the correspondence.

Received a nice letter from George and Ruth Pavolko of Pittsburgh, who are anticipating a March arrival at their new home at 19227 Conquistador Drive in Sun City West. Says Ruth, "After visiting the area two years ago and meeting so many "young" old who had so much vigor and vitality, and such a wonderful outlook on retirement years, we both decided this was to be our new way of life." Ruth describes she and George as a very active couple, interested in dancing, swimming, bowling, tennis, golf . . . "you name it and we attempt it." Sounds like they'll fit in perfectly in Sun City West. George, by the way, is retired after 30 years with U.S. Steel and also enjoys model railroading and collecting stamps. Ruth has been "domestic manager" of the Pavolko home. The Pavolkos would love to hear from any new neighbors. If you qualify, why not write them at 104 Rydal Lane in Pittsburgh, 15237.

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Also received a note from Palm Desert, California, the present home of Bill and Emmy Lu Dahms. By the end of this month, however, they'll be in their new home at 17618 Whispering Oaks Drive in Sun City West. From looking at all his affiliations, it appears that "Golf" may be Bill's middle name. He writes a golf column for the Palm Springs "Desert Sun" newspaper, and is a member of the Golf Writers Association of America, the Professional Golfers Association tour media, the U.S. Golf Association media and is a former associate editor of National Golfing Magazine. As you might expect, Bill says he and Emmy Lu are looking forward to being on the golf course as soon as they can after arrival. "We look forward to being part of the community and start enjoying life to its fullest," he says. Welcome, Bill and Emmy Lu, we look forward to your arrival.

A third piece of correspondence was somewhat less laudatory, but equally interesting. L. F. Groskopf of Green Bay, Wisconsin wrote regarding the swimming pool picture on Page 4 of the January Newsletter. "Why," he asks, "did you use a composite picture of the pool, when surely the merits of the community speak for themselves without such trickery? In response, let me

say that you're right Mr. Groskopf, the merits of Sun City West do speak for themselves. But as far as the picture goes . . . well, I'm afraid you give me too much credit. I wouldn't have the foggiest idea how to put a composite picture together, much less make it look as "real" as this one did. So I plead innocent. The picture is a true-to-life wide-angle shot of the Johnson Rec Center pool. Scout's honor. Mr. Groskopf closes his note by saying that he and his wife will be visiting our area in March, ". . . and if I'm wrong about the picture the drinks are on me." Thanks, Mr. Groskopf, I'll have mine on the rocks.

The fairways of Hillcrest Golf Course will be lined with spectators when the first annual \$100,000 LPGA Sun City Classic comes to town from February 27-March 2. Among the women professionals competing for the \$15,000 first prize will be Nancy Lopez, LPGA Player-of-the-Year in 1978 and 1979. Other top ten finishers from last year who have committed to play include No. 3 Amy Alcott, No. 5 Donna Caponi Young, No. 8 Judy Rankin and No. 10 Beth Daniel, 1979's Rookie-of-the-Year. Predictions are that as many as 40 of the top 50 players from last year will compete. Total entries will number about 120.



### **Mini-golf**

*With the recent warm weather, it's been shirt-sleeve time at Johnson Recreation Center. Here residents play mini-*

*golf amidst the palm trees and cactus of the Rec Center.*



## **Sun City West Weaver**

*As one might expect, women are in the majority in the weaving room of Johnson Recreation Center. But, as this Sun City West man demonstrates, talents at the loom are certainly not limited to women.*

*Men also are active in ceramics, oil painting and copper enameling.*



Brand new Brunswick automatic scoring machines are scheduled to be installed this week at the bowling lanes in the Johnson Rec Center Sports Pavilion. The winter bowling season is half over and top averages in Sun City West belong to Jay Maley (177) and Eileen Burggraf (155).

By the time this Newsletter reaches you the Milwaukee Brewers will be in town, preparing for their 1980 Spring Training session at Sun City Stadium. The Brewers will play 15 exhibition games in Sun City, opening their home schedule Wednesday, March 12, against the Cleveland Indians.

Retirement-age individuals returning to the classroom is a growing trend and now a college course is coming to Sun City West. U.S. Far Eastern Policy, an undergraduate upper division course at Arizona State University, is being taught in the Johnson Rec Center Lecture Hall. Readings, lectures and class discussions are focusing on the policies of the United States in respect to Japan, China and Korea, and the security and economic interests of the U.S. in the western Pacific region.

The Sun City-Phoenix Art Museum, pictured in last month's Newsletter, has expanded its cultural offerings with a series of art lectures called "Art Eras." The series begins this month with a program entitled "Extravagance and Sensuality: Experiencing Art in the 17th Century." The museum's current exhibit, "American

Ceramics," features more than 100 items from university art collections and private galleries.

The Sundome Center for the Performing Arts, the spectacular theater that promises to make Sun City West one of the entertainment centers of the Southwest, is scheduled to be completed this summer with a grand opening tentatively set for next fall. The 7,000-seat theater will be the largest in Arizona.

We've never mentioned fishing in the Newsletter, but the lakes and streams throughout Arizona are a fisherman's playground. The latest report from the Arizona Game and Fish Department indicates that just a dozen miles north of the Sun City West area, at Lake Pleasant, the white bass fishing is rated "excellent." Bass and catfish are biting on the Upper Colorado River, some of these waters being only several hours drive away. And they're pulling rainbow and brown trout from the streams in the mountains of north-central Arizona.

Ceramics West has become a chartered club, with Ruth Gutsche its newly-elected president. The club meets in the Arts and Crafts Village of the Johnson Recreation Center every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 AM to 3 PM. Classes in pouring and firing are available for beginning, intermediate and advanced students. Special classes during February include pastel chalk, graffiti, clay lift, charcoal pencils and sand painting.

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Boccie, a game that originated more than 2,000 years ago among the nobility of the Roman Empire, is alive and flourishing in Sun City West. The Sun City West Boccie Club now boasts 172 members and the numbers are growing daily. Ralph Coppola, the community's resident expert, teaches a basic, four-hour course. Similar to lawn bowling, boccie involves rolling your boccie (ball) and having it wind up nearer the object ball (the pallino) than any of your opponent's boccies.

The Sun City West Property Owners and Residents Association has made various committee assignments for 1980. PORA president Joseph Kelso will serve as liaison director between the group and the Del E. Webb Development Co., Loise Copes will handle the legislative and communications committees, William Mason the utilities and building committee, Lawrence Tate the insurance, research and development committees and Lawrence Cross the personnel, operations, directory and building finance committees. Other assignments include Frank Hamblett, environmental protection; John Cusick, condominium; Arthur Knapp, elections; Arthur Massey, health and county services; Cyril Meusey, membership; Ronald Perry, taxation; Robert Porterfield, recreation; Rose Ratner, education and by-laws; Walter

Schneider, deed restrictions; and Glen Stoffer, transportation and consumer protection.

Sun City Sheriff's Posse member Saul Rich recently proved again just how valuable the posse is to the community. Last month, while driving to work in the pre-dawn hours, Rich noticed a car stalled on the railroad tracks that parallel Grand Avenue. The lights of an oncoming train crept closer. Unable to convince the driver of the car to abandon it for safety, Rich could only hope he could stop the train. Rich flashed his tiny diamond ring in the path of the train's headlight, and miraculously the train braked to a halt some 100 yards from the car. Rich, the train engineer and another Sante Fe employee pushed the car off the tracks. Still too flustered for words, the driver of the car sped off without so much as giving his name. Truth is stranger than fiction.

Well, the weather is too nice to sit inside at my typewriter, so that'll be it for this edition of The Newsletter. Everyone here in Sun City West is interested in your plans, so how about some news from you folks out there. We'd love to hear from you.

Sincerely,  
*Dave Samp*  
Dave Samp



### **February 1980 Aerial**

Here's the latest aerial view of Sun City West, with the wing of a Grumman aircraft intruding at lower right. As one looks north, major new developments since the October aerial include homes in Units 12 and 16 on the east side of the community,

duplexes in Unit 11 along the fairways of Pebblebrook Golf Course and apartments in Unit 7, in the left-center portion of the picture.



**SPECIAL LPGA EDITION**

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## ***“Classic” gallery***

*The first annual LPGA Sun City Classic golf tournament was blessed with five days of sunswept splendor and the results were excellent golf and huge galleries. Estimates were that nearly 50,000 persons were on hand at Hillcrest Golf Course during the tourney's five days and many of them followed pre-tourney favorite Nancy Lopez, pictured here next to her caddy. Lopez finished with a three-under-par 285, good for 11th place. Jan Stephenson's 13-under total won the title by one shot.*

The first annual Sun City Classic golf tournament, played February 27 - March 2, had more than its share of winners.

For starters there was Jan Stephenson, the gorgeous Australian who led from start to finish in capturing her first tournament championship in two years. She opened with a 6-under-par 66 on Thursday and coasted home with rounds of 71-67-71 for a 275 total that was good enough for a one-shot victory over Marilyn Smith.

Stephenson's portion of the \$100,000 purse was \$15,000.

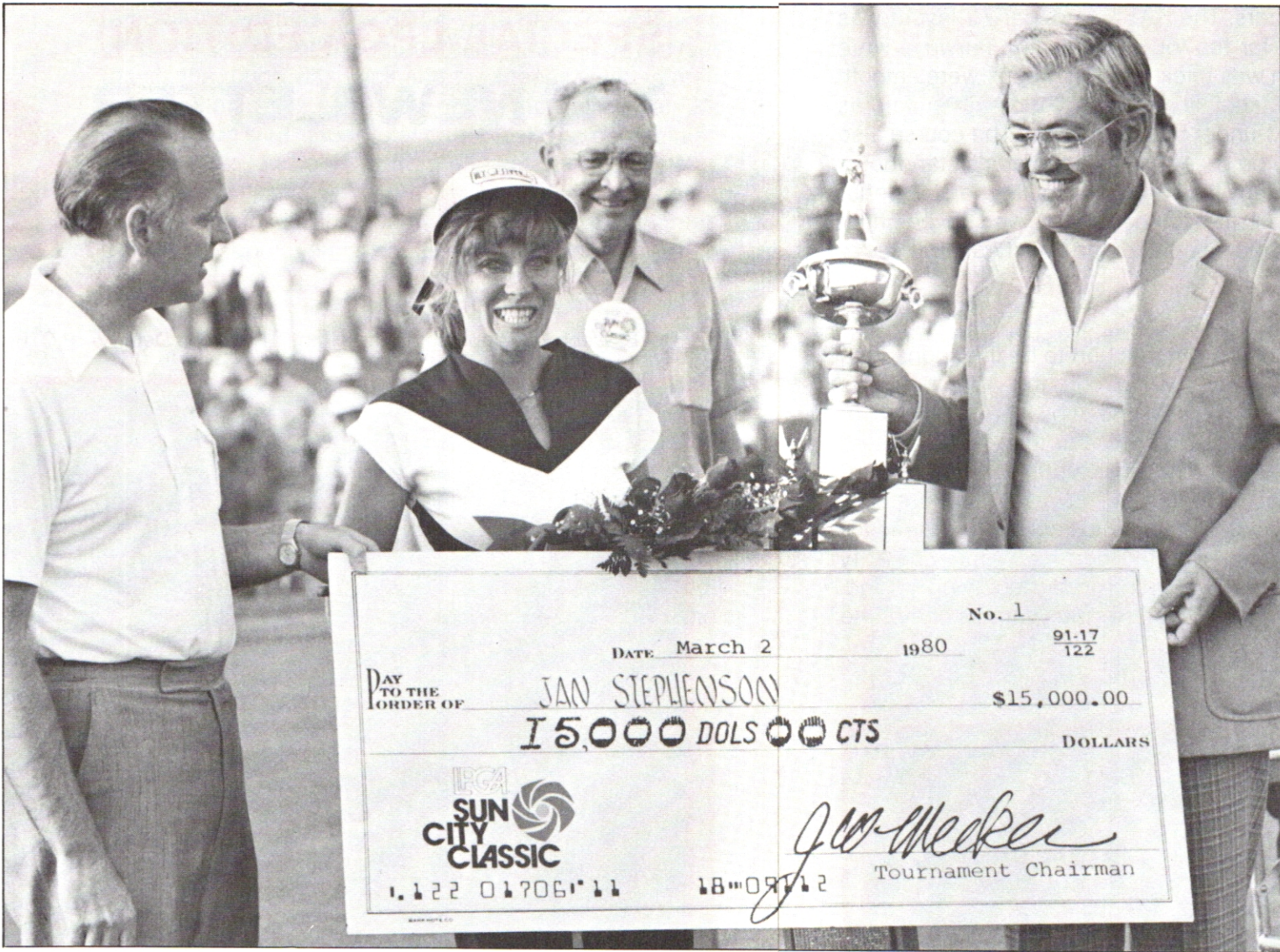
Certainly among the winners were the women professionals, who found the hospitality and accommodations in Sun City West to be among the finest on the tour and the galleries to be both knowledgeable and courteous. Most of the women pros stayed at the Vacation Apartments, which border the Hillcrest Golf Course.

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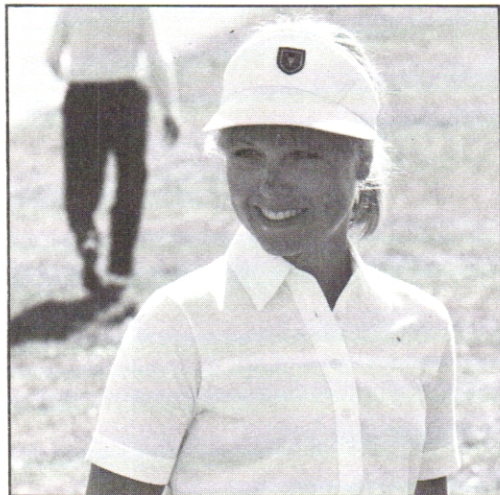
Television personality Joe Garagiola, a resident of the Phoenix area, was full of funny one-liners during the Celebrity Pro-Am. As one might expect, autograph seekers kept Garagiola's pen in motion most of the day.



The final round of the \$100,000 LPGA Sun City Classic had everyone smiling, but the biggest grins were reserved for the winner's circle. From left are Arizona Senator Dennis DeConcini, tournament champion Jan Stephenson, assistant tournament chairman John Byrne and tournament chairman John Meeker. Meeker is the President of the Del E. Webb Development Company, which sponsored the tourney.



Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Don Sutton was among the notables who played in the Celebrity Pro-Am event. The foursome headed by pro Kathy Postlewait posted a 14-under par 58 to win the Pro-Am.



It's not only the superb golf that makes LPGA tournaments so special. Pretty Laura Baugh-Dent was a favorite among camera-clickers and autograph seekers.



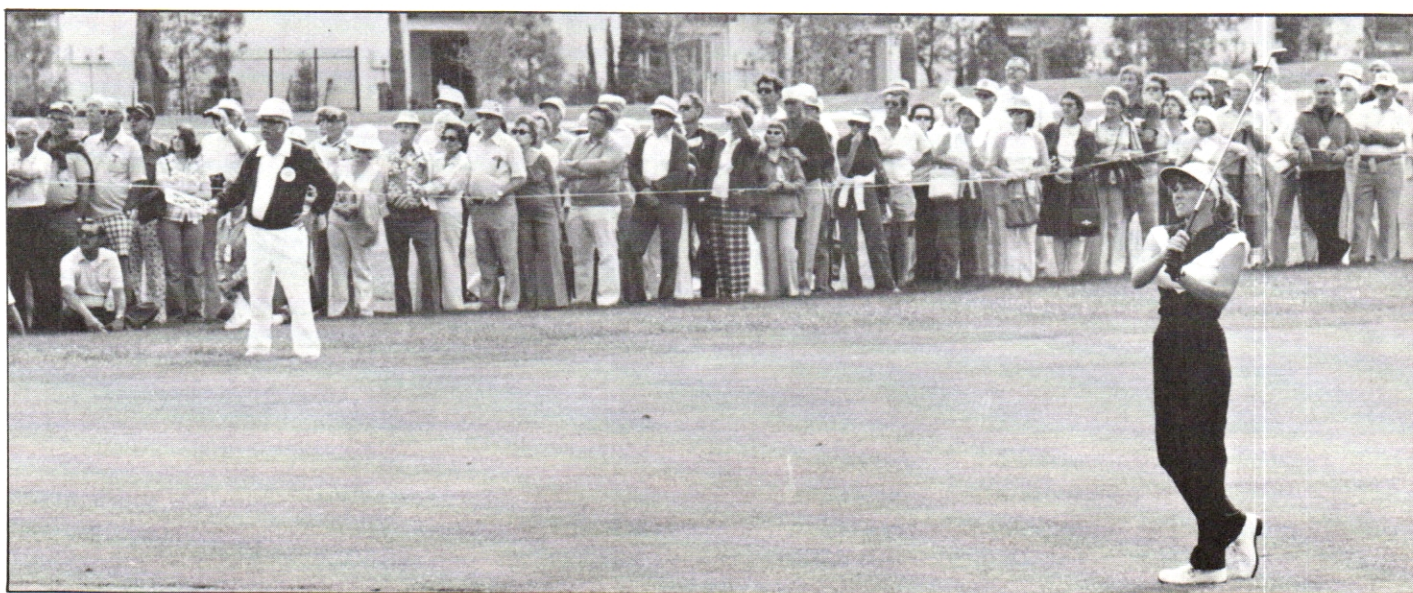
Even the excitement of a one-stroke victory wasn't enough to keep all members of the gallery awake.



Even the professionals wind up in the sand once in awhile. But as Marilyn Smith's triumphant expression reveals, the pros tend to make very good shots from the traps. Smith saved par on this hole and closed strong to finish second to Jan Stephenson.

### Sun City Classic Top 20

Jan Stephenson	66-71-67-71-275
Marilyn Smith	70-72-68-66-276
Bonnie Lauer	68-71-66-72-277
Amy Alcott	71-69-67-71-278
Sandra Palmer	69-70-71-70-280
Patty Hayes	71-71-68-70-280
Barbara Barrow	70-73-67-71-281
Susie Berning	69-70-72-71-282
Laura Baugh-Dent	73-69-68-72-282
Louise Bruce	71-71-68-74-284
Donna Caponi-Young	74-70-72-69-285
Nancy Lopez-Melton	73-72-70-70-285
Marlene Floyd	72-72-70-71-285
Kathy Whitworth	69-73-70-73-285
Alexandra Reinhardt	72-77-71-66-286
Jennie Lee Smith	74-69-72-71-286
Marga Stubblefield	68-74-73-71-286
Barbara Moxness	71-75-69-71-286
Kathy McMullen	71-74-68-73-286
Kathy Ahern	68-74-72-74-288



Jan Stephenson watches as her long-iron shot from the seventh fairway approaches the green. Stephenson was consistent from the tees, accurate with her irons and masterful on the huge Hillcrest greens in winning the tournament by one shot.



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And, to be sure, Sun City West and Sun City came out winners. If playing golf is the No. 1 activity of the two communities, then watching golf may be second on the list. Thousands of residents basked in glorious sunshine and helped swell the gallery count to 50,000 for the tournament's five days.

The Phoenix area came out a winner, too. Always a regular stop on the men's PGA tour, Phoenix had waited several years for the return of the women professionals, and Valley residents turned out in great numbers to show their support.

The LPGA is counting itself among the winners, too. Ruffin Beckwith, Director of Public Relations for the LPGA, said the professionals who missed the Sun City Classic won't likely miss it again. "We'd heard about how things are done in the Sun Cities," he said "but you really have to be here to believe it."

One could certainly mention the Hillcrest Course

among the winners. The 6,154-yard, par-72 layout was in prime shape for the tournament—the fairways were plush, the rough was thick and the greens were smooth and lightning fast. Still, it proved more than fair as Stephenson's 13-under total can attest. The course also showed itself to be great from a spectator's standpoint, as the layout's many hills provide a multitude of superior viewpoints. In all, the tournament served to heighten Hillcrest's reputation as one of the finest golf courses in the Southwest.

And finally, one of the winners had to be the sponsoring Del E. Webb Development Company. Whether it is building recreation centers for use by local residents, or bringing top-name entertainment to town to play in the Sun Bowl or the new Sundome Center for the Performing Arts, the Webb Company has always stood firm in its commitment to make the Sun Cities the finest resort-retirement communities anywhere. And the Sun City Classic, a first-class operation from beginning to end, will certainly take its place over the years as one of the area's proudest traditions.



### **18th fairway**

*Crowds lined the 18th fairway during Sunday's final round. In the center of the picture is Marilyn Smith, whose 7-iron shot left her a short birdie putt, which she made to finish the round at 6-under 66. In the foreground are just a few of the hundreds of Sun City and Sun City West residents who served as volunteers at the tourney, handling every job from marshal to standard bearer to personal chauffeur for the women professionals.*



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### Sundome interior

*Photographed with a panoramic camera, the arena of the Sundome Center for the Performing Arts stretches a full 180 degrees. The 80,000 square foot area is large enough to accommodate two football fields laid side by side. Scheduled for completion this summer, the Sun-*

*dome will seat nearly 7,200 persons in cushioned comfort, making it the largest theater in Arizona. Lawrence Welk, his orchestra and stars are scheduled for two Grand Opening shows in September.*

Spring has sprung in the Southwest and that means the thermometer is pushing its way up. Warm days in the 70's and 80's, nights in 50's and the luscious smell of orange blossoms all the time.

This edition of The Newsletter features the Sundome Center for the Performing Arts, the super theater scheduled for completion this summer in Sun City West. But there's correspondence, too, so let's proceed.

Received a letter from Ethel and Irving Needoff, formerly of New York City, now of 13035 Westgate Drive in Sun City West. The Needoff's say they had no plans for retirement when they came to visit their grandchildren in Scottsdale, "but we took a ride through Sun City West and fell in love with its cleanliness,

coziness, crowdlessness and charm." Ethel formerly worked with Astor Supply Co. and Irving taught television and electronics at Delehanty's Institute. "We still can't believe we're really here," Ethel writes. "It's wonderful."

Camino de Sol Shopping Center in Sun City West has opened with two businesses welcoming customers. Angela's Hair Salon is presently operating with six beauticians, offering everything from styles to permanents to manicures. The Salad Bar restaurant also has opened, with a menu that features delicious soups and tasty sandwiches.

The Property Owners and Residents Association of Sun City West has received authorization to stage bingo games, effective May 20. Hogan Dunlevy of PORA's legislative committee

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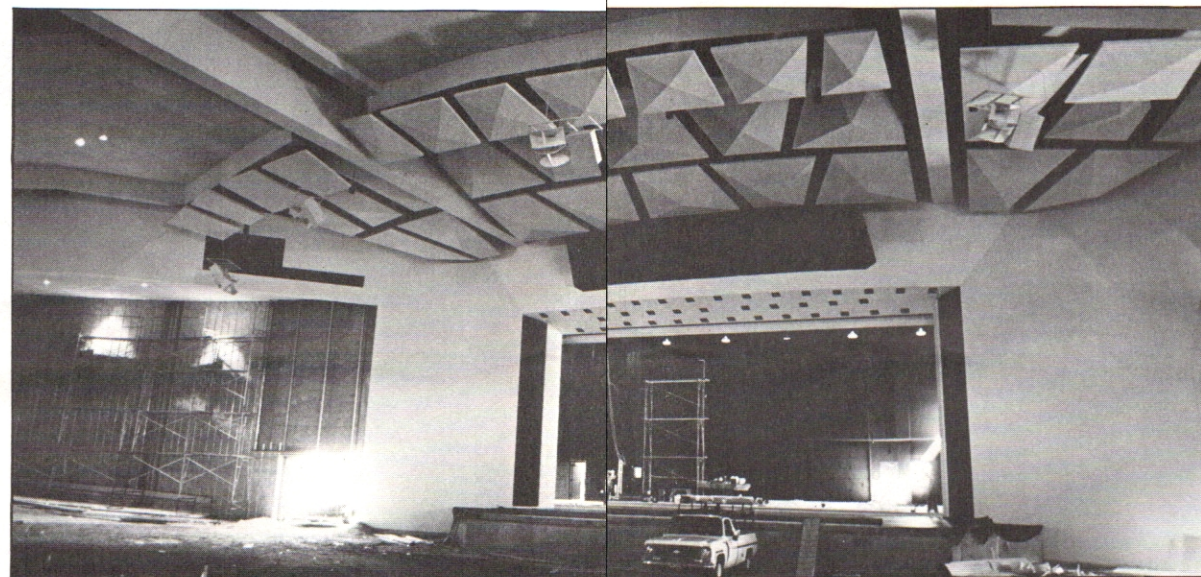


Construction crews and vehicles roam around the interior of the Sundome's main arena, diminished by its tremendous size. The theater's ramped, continental design (the floor slopes down a full 17 feet from the rear of the arena to the stage) will provide patrons

with optimum visibility and ease of access. The Sundome's ceiling height is equivalent to a four-story building and the theater's main trusses weigh in excess of 115,000 pounds.



Viewed across one of the lakes on the adjacent Hillcrest Golf Course, the Sundome stands as a monument to modern engineering and architecture. With a 1980-81 lineup that includes a Lecture Series, a Musical Arts Series, a Dance Festival Series, Travel Film Lecture Series and Sun City Symphony Series, the Sundome also will stand as a monument to culture and entertainment unsurpassed in the entire Southwest.



The Sundome stage, 26 feet high and 55 feet wide, will become familiar over the years to some of the biggest names in American entertainment. The theater's highly sophisticated sound system utilizes suspended reflective sound "clouds," the panels in the center of the picture. The acoustic system also features strategically placed speaker clusters (visible in the same area as the sound "clouds"), which promise to create a front-row-center-seat experience for everyone in the theater. The black area above the stage is the housing for the primary speaker system.



This shot of the Sundome's main entry foyer without its ceiling panels in place reveals the complexities hidden within. The trained eye can find electrical conduit, sprinkler system plumbing, roof joists, insulation, speakers and ceiling grid work. The frame-shaped projections along the foyer walls will feature photos of celebrities and movie stars. The theater also will feature a carved-stone fountain, wrought-iron gates and sparkling chandeliers, making it a true visual extravaganza.



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has said the first game probably would be held in early June. He added that tentative plans are to have bingo games once a week at 7 PM Fridays.

Les Brown and his Band of Renown will perform for the annual Mother's Day Strawberry Festival in the Sun Bowl on May 11. The evening will begin with the traditional serving of strawberry sundaes. The concert will feature the finest "big band" music of Glenn Miller, the Dorsey brothers, Artie Shaw, Benny Goodman, Duke Ellington, Charlie Barnet, Bob Crosby and Les Brown himself.

The Sun City Pom Pom squad, which hit the big time with an appearance on NBC's prime time show "Real People," were recently featured in a newspaper article in the Arizona Republic and there were some interesting thoughts expressed. Lean and limber Foofie Harlan says she's often recognized "and it's hard to be modest and say 'Oh, that's nothing' because it isn't nothing. If you were a movie star since childhood, it is nothing.

But wait until you are 65 and all of a sudden somebody sees you—it's fun." Natalie Alderson says: "When we went to California to make our appearance on 'Real People,' they treated us like real stars. Outside of my wedding and birth of my children, that was the most wonderful weekend of my life." Corinne Lelie, who with her husband Ray, organized the Pom Pom line, is proud of her squad. "The girls say this is one of the most important things that ever happened to them. All their lives they watched other people doing things like this. Now they're doing it themselves."

That seems like an appropriate way to end this edition. I hope your Spring is as wonderful as ours. See you next month.

Sincerely,

*Dave Samp*

Dave Samp



### **Classy neighborhood**

One of the attractions of the Sundome is its close proximity to other Sun City West amenities. This photo from a helicopter is taken looking west. Beyond the Sundome is the R. H. Johnson Recreation Center, the largest private

facility for recreational and creative activities in the state of Arizona. The palm-tree covered area at right is the mini-golf course. In the upper left corner of the picture is the 40,000-volume Johnson Center Library.



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### May 1980 aerial

*This latest aerial photograph of Sun City West, taken looking toward the northwest, illustrates several changes since the last aerial was published in The Newsletter. Stardust Golf Course (upper right corner) has grass growing on the fairways and houses are being built adjacent to the course. Across from the Sundome Center for the*

*Performing Arts one can see several buildings, including United Bank, Southwest Savings and Loan, First National Bank and Cash, Sullivan and Cross Insurance. At top right center, grading has begun on Briarwood Country Club.*

Greetings from the sunny Southwest! Hope wherever you are you're happy, healthy and headed in our direction. The Spring weather here has been ideal.

This edition of The Newsletter highlights Camino del Sol Shopping Center, the \$3.2 million, 126,000-square foot facility located on R.H. Johnson Boulevard. Some businesses are already open and many more are planning to open soon.

Received a nice letter from Vern and Helen Johnson Hobart, Indiana, who say they enjoy receiving the Sun City West Newsletter and Activities Calendar each month. "We look forward to reading of the developments and activities going on in Sun City West and look forward with anticipation to the day we will be

able to settle in our home at 12415 Beechwood Drive," they say. We echo those sentiments, Vern and Helen. We're looking forward to your arrival.

The Sun City-Sun City West area has looked forward all year to the beginning of the Sun City Saints softball season and it's now upon us. The girls recently swept a four-game series from the Calgary, Canada Sundancers to push their record to 14-3 and they look like they're more than ready to defend their National Women's Softball Championship.

Another group that's going strong is the Sun City-Sun City West Senior Softball League. Some 120 men (and one woman) comprise the six-team league,

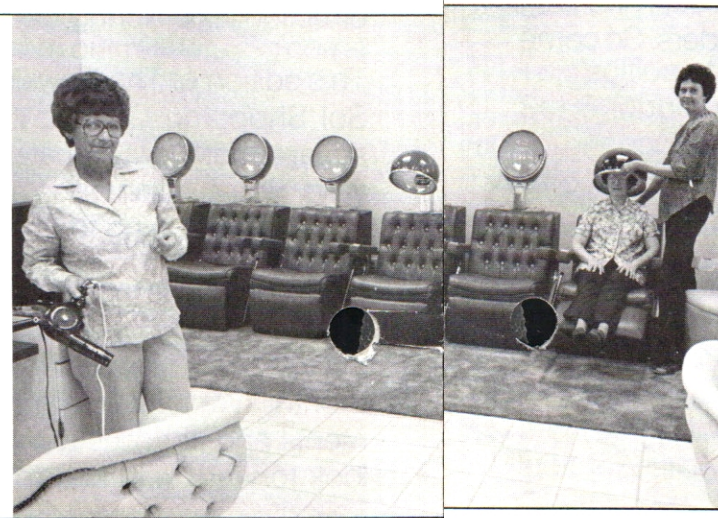
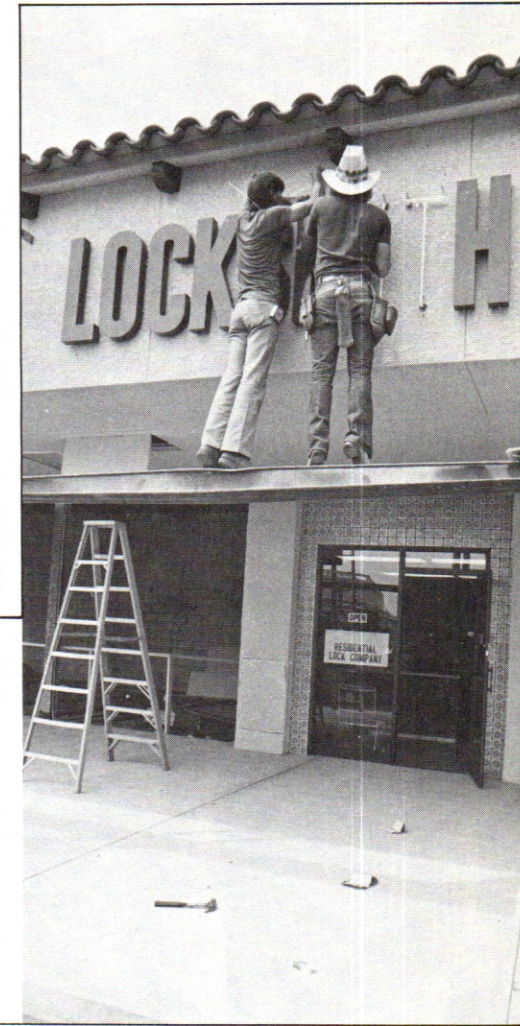
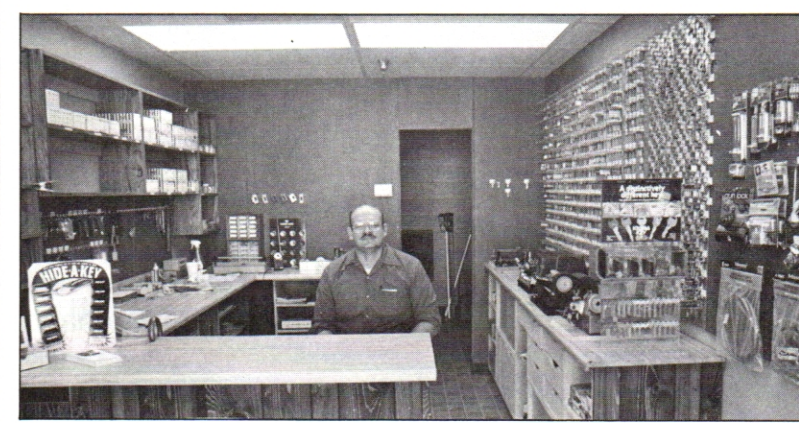
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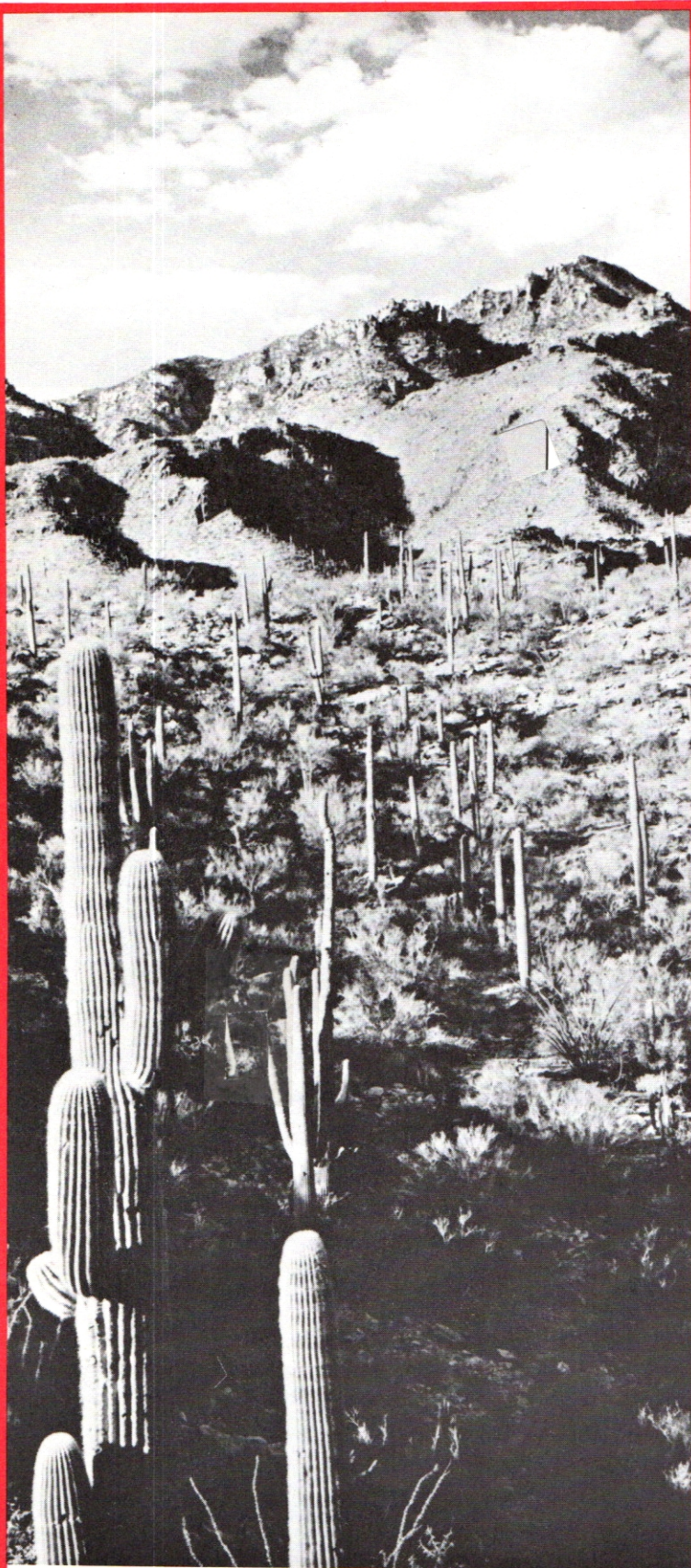


## Camino del Sol Shopping Center

As is evident from these photographs, Camino del Sol Shopping Center is beginning to come alive. Already open is the Salad Bar restaurant, Angela's Hair Studio, Today's Swim & Patio, Residential Lock and a Barber Shop. Safeway Supermarket has announced a September 15 opening date, with Walgreens Drug Store set to open by that date, if not earlier. Future openings include Ford's World Travel in June, Hillcrest Florist and an optical firm in July, Kyle's Shoes in August, The Hair Barn and O'Shaughnessy's Fashions in September and a Color Corral photo shop later in the fall.







### ***Saguaro scenery***

Visitors and newcomers to Arizona always seem particularly fascinated with the stately Saguaro cactus of the Southwestern deserts. Dominating the landscape in many areas, mature Saguaros reach heights of 40-50 feet. The white blossom clusters that bud from the tips of the cactus' giant arms this time of year are the state's official flower. The blossoms, currently prevalent along Sun City West's R.H. Johnson Blvd., open in the evening and close during mid-morning.

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which plays its games at Sun City Stadium. A Senior All-Star squad played the Saints in an exhibition game recently and battled the girls on near-even terms before a seven-run fifth inning put the game on ice the young Saints. The final score was 12-3.

The Seniors played three games last weekend against the Las Vegas Silver Sluggers, who finished second in the nation last year among senior teams. Our locals won two of the three contests, dropping the first game 15-11, before winning the next two 24-4 and 5-4.

The Sundome Center for the Performing Arts, featured in last month's Newsletter, is continuing toward a summer 1980 completion. Early season ticket sales have been tremendous, with hundreds of subscription forms flowing into the box office daily. Lawrence Welk, his orchestra and stars are scheduled for two Grand Opening shows September 13-14. Tickets for the Welk shows will go on sale August 1.

In other local news, George Seldin and Harold Marshall have been appointed to the board of directors of the Property Owners and Residents Association Sun City West, replacing two others who resigned. Seldin, already chairman of PORA's utilities committee, now will direct the county services committee as well. A former resident of North Carolina, Seldin worked 32 years with Western Electric Co., where he was the engineering projects and program manager. Marshall will direct PORA's taxation committee. He retired as an Army master sergeant after 28 years of service, later retiring from California state government where he was in building maintenance supervision.

Well, that's some of the news from our neck of the woods. What's happening out there where you are? Just as you look forward to your Newsletter, we look forward to receiving letters from our readers. So come on, send us a line or two.

See you next month.

Sincerely,

*Dave Samp*

Dave Samp



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July, 1980



## Fill 'er up!

*Mobil opened a service station recently on the northwest corner of R.H. Johnson Boulevard and Camino del Sol and Sun City Westers have kept the*

*pumps busy. A second Mobil station is planned for the corner of R.H. Johnson and Meeker Boulevards.*

Here's hoping all of you had an enjoyable Independence Day holiday. The Sun Cities celebrated with their annual Fourth of July Concert and Fireworks Show, and Sun City Stadium was overflowing with spectators.

This edition of the Newsletter features the Sun City-Sun City West Senior Softball League. Pictures and information on Pages 2 and 3.

We're overdue in relating some correspondence from our readers, so here we go.

A letter from Dorothy and Jim Himes of Massillon, Ohio, mentions that they "thoroughly enjoy" receiving the Sun City West Activities Calendar and Newsletter each month. Thanks, Dorothy and Jim, we thoroughly enjoy produc-

ing them. The Himes expect to move into their new home at 12703 Keystone Drive sometime in late July and "look forward to with great anticipation to participating in some of the many activities offered." Dorothy and Jim are both retired teachers and say they enjoy travel, photography and antique watches and clocks. We look forward to their arrival.

Mary and Bob Nelson of Minneapolis are probably already living in their new home at 18818 124th Drive. Their letter mentions that Bob's parents— Clarence and Faye Nelson —have been Sun City residents for 15 years. "That sure proves it's a great, healthful place to live"; they say. We echo those feelings.

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Ed Pinter, one of the league's premier sluggers, sends one to the opposite field. The Sun City-Sun City West Senior Softball League is loaded with big hitters, which will be a big plus when the league sends an All-Star squad to Las Vegas in September to compete for the Senior Citizens National Championship.



Admission is free to all senior league contests and now that games are being played in the evening under the lights, attendance is picking up. Many of the league's players are former minor league and college players and the caliber of play is high.



"... and this is home plate," the umpire appears to be saying. In actuality, team captains meet at home plate prior to each game, exchange lineup cards and get last-minute instructions from the umpire, just like in the big leagues.



League rules specify that the arc of each pitch must be between 3 and 10 feet. Any ball pitched outside that range is ruled a "ball". The mound is 46 feet from the plate. Bases are 60 feet apart.



Each official league game is umpired by two men, one who stations himself behind the plate, a second who positions himself along the basepaths. Gene Downing, the league's umpire-in-chief, umpires Milwaukee Brewers exhibition games each spring.



(Top) Beautiful, spacious Sun City Stadium is the home of Senior League Softball. The stadium is also the summer home of the national champion Sun City Saints. The infield is sodded during the winter and the Milwaukee Brewers play their exhibition league games at the site. (Bottom) The Sinners, who finished second last season, gather around their captain for a pre-game strategy session. These dugout discussions must be working as the Sinners currently lead the league with a 10-2 record.



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Betty and Stan Scott of 13202 Copperstone Drive in Sun City West dropped us a line to say "hello". They're in Indiana for the summer. "When you've got children and grandchildren back here you just have to come visit for awhile", they write, "but we'll be back home in Sun City West in early October."

Received a postcard from Wanda and Tom Kijowski of Mt. Prospect, Illinois, who say they're always happy to get their Newsletter "to find out what's happening out there." And, as one might expect, they're looking forward to their move out West.

The biggest news here is the announcement of the 1980 Celebrities Series lineup for the Sundome Center for the Performing Arts. The series includes performances by the Lennon Sisters, Sandler and Young, the Mills Brothers, the entire Osmond Family, Tennessee Ernie Ford, Al

Martino, Ed Ames and 4-Girls-4 (Rose Marie, Helen O'Connell, Margaret Whiting and Rosemary Clooney).

In other news, ground was broken recently for the new general office and meeting rooms for the Sun City West Property Owners and Residents Association. Plans are to build a 3,040 square-foot building on the 9.78-acre site in Sun City West.

Well, that about does it for this edition of the Newsletter. Send us a line or two and let us know what's going on in your neck of the woods. We'd love to hear from you.

See you again next month.

Sincerely  
*Dave Samp*  
Dave Samp



### ***They're bitin'***

*Anglers find natural beauty mixed with challenge when they cast their lines into any of the many lakes, creeks and streams located along the Mogollon Rim area*

*north central Arizona. The cool Rim area is only a few hours drive from Sun City West and recent reports from the Arizona Game and Fish Department indicate that the bluegills, catfish and trout are biting.*



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August 1980



**Wow!**

*It will be a night of great dancers, great singers and gorgeous women when the "Fabulous Follies" hits the stage of the Sundome Center for the Performing Arts. The Friday, November 14, show is part of the Sundome's "Salute to Broad-*

*way" Series. The Broadway Series also includes "Whoopie", with Mamie Van Doren and Robert Q. Lewis; the musical fantasy "Babes in Toyland"; and the nationally-acclaimed "The American Dance Machine."*

The month of August is now more than half over, and all across the country there are thoughts of summer's last hurrah and the return to school. But in Sun City West and Sun City all eyes are beginning to focus on the Sundome Center for the Performing Arts.

Yes, the Sundome's Grand Opening show, featuring Lawrence Welk and his Champagne Music Makers, is less than a month away — September 13 to be exact. Just to give readers

of The Newsletter an idea of what's coming to the Sundome in the upcoming months, this edition is spiced up with some samplings.

In the correspondence corner, we received a nice letter from Bud and Virginia Schweda of Cudahy, Wisconsin, who spent five weeks in their new home at 12411 Ginger Drive in May. "Surprising how well we did with a card table set, a bed and a

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# SUNDOME SAMPLINGS



Accordianist Myron Floren will appear with Lawrence Welk and his Champagne Music Makers on Saturday and Sunday, September 13-14.



The Slovenian Philharmonic, Southeast Europe's leading orchestra, will perform Thursday, November 20.



"Naughty Marietta," a production of the Eastern Opera Theatre, will be at the Sundome Saturday, October 25.



Soprano Joan Merrigan will appear Thursday, November 6, with the Irish Light Orchestra of Dublin.



The Young Americans will perform a "Salute to Gershwin" Tuesday, January 20, as part of the Sundome's Musical Arts Series.



Frank Yankovic and his Polka Band will perform at the OKTOBERFEST on Sunday, October 12.



few kitchen supplies," says Virginia. "And for the benefit of everyone who is waiting for their homes, I would like to offer them a bit of peace of mind. We were not around during construction and everything was done beautifully. We felt we had been treated 'personally'." Bud was in banking for 40 years and retired after 15 years as president of the South Milwaukee Marine Bank. Virginia has yet to retire as the Assistant Nursing Service Director at Trinity Memorial Hospital. Both love golf and swimming and Bud also is a tennis buff. "We are really going to get in shape," Virginia says. "See you in October."

A letter from Don and Ruby Hawks of Amarillo, Texas, indicates they'll be settling into their home at 12314 Cougar Drive sometime around the first of November. "We can hardly wait to get there," they say. "But your Newsletter makes the wait a little easier." Thanks, Don and Ruby, we look forward to your arrival.

The exercise room at R. H. Johnson Rec Center made the headlines recently in the Phoenix Gazette newspaper. A great picture of Sun City West resident Mort Wohl doing arm curls with a 15-pound dumbbell accompanied the article. Asked why the exercise room was so popular among residents, Wohl answered: "I'd say people here use this equipment because it makes them feel good." Well said, Mort.

We'd heard the joke months earlier, but must have underestimated its popularity. Now it's been published by a local columnist, so we're willing to reconsider. Goes like this:

A Sun City West visitor to San Francisco was down at the docks when he spied a fellow walking along bent over at the waist. Exhibiting the curiosity typical of the local folk, the Sun City Wester asked just what the man could be looking at down there.

*"Oh, just counting the slits between the boards," the fellow answered. "It's interesting to know how many boards it takes to make a pier."*

*Intrigued by this, the Sun City Wester joined in the count. So preoccupied were they with their task that they walked right off the edge of the pier.*

*And the moral of this story is, of course, that when you're out of slits, you're out of pier. (Everyone from Milwaukee should just love that.)*

With that tongue-in-cheek offering we'll close for the month. If you haven't written us about your plans, why not take a minute and send us a line. We'd love to hear from you.

By the way, I mentioned earlier that with summer drawing to a close, many turn their thoughts to school . . . and that's where mine are. I've been accepted to UCLA's Graduate School of Management and will begin in September, so this is my final Newsletter. I hope you've enjoyed reading them as much as I've enjoyed producing them. Your new Newsletter Editor will be unveiled next month.

Sincerely,

*Dave Samp*

Dave Samp



*This faded photograph from the mid-1890's inspired the idea for Mr. Jack Daniel's Original Silver Cornet Band, a group whose specialty is reproducing the turn-of-the-century concerts in the*

*park. Even the instruments are reproductions of the originals. The Band will perform at the Sundome Saturday, February 20.*



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## *Sundome Shines Through Debut!*

Greetings from Sun City West, home of blue skies and sun-drenched landscapes! Daytime temperatures have been hovering around the 100° mark, cooling down to the low 70's at night. An absolutely ideal climate for almost any activity — except snow shoveling of course.

As you know from last month's Newsletter, Dave Samp has embarked on a new adventure and is pursuing a masters degree in business at UCLA. We all wish him the best of luck with his

studies (which undoubtedly will include advanced bikini-watching and intermediate beach-bumming).

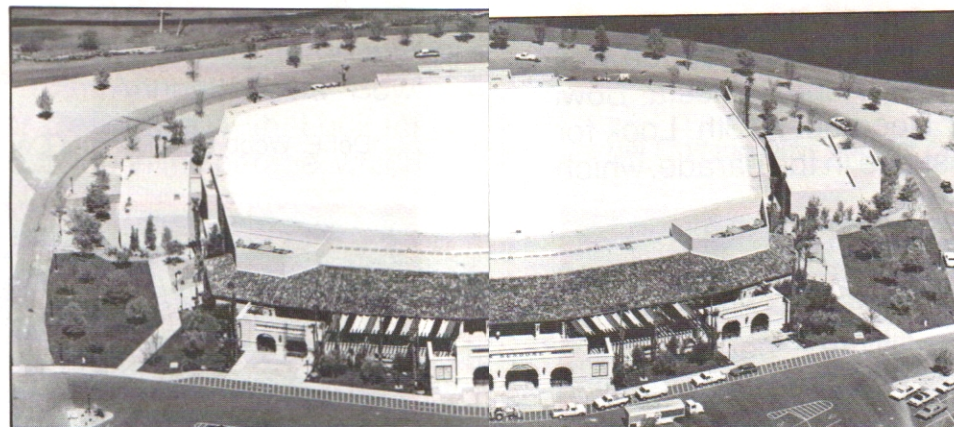
But now, as the new-kid-on-the-block, I think it is only appropriate that I briefly introduce myself before going into the really big news about the grand opening debut of the spectacular Sundome.

The name Steve Welch appears on my driver's license, but I'll respond to almost anything. As

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# Candid Moments: Sundome Debut September 12-13, 1980



With 108,000 square feet and 7,169 seats under roof, the Sundome is truly the "new gem of the desert."



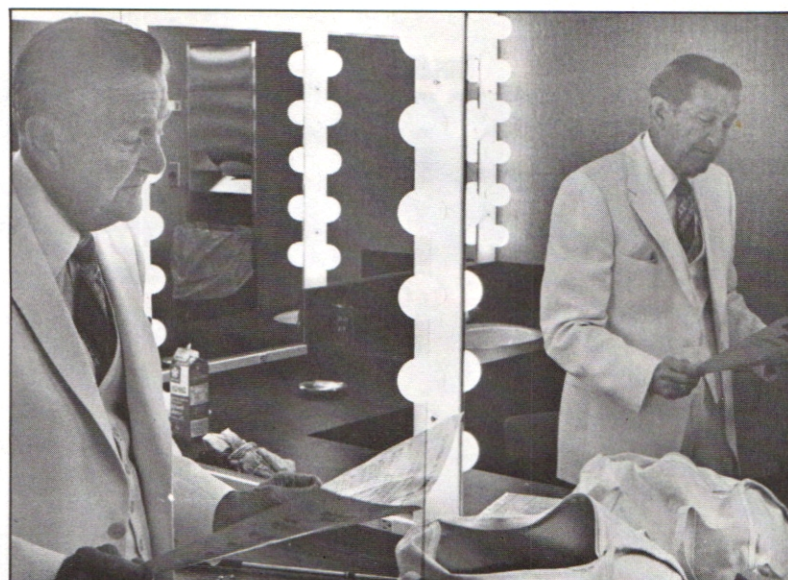
The Dome's foyer is a showplace in its own right with myriad living plants, elegant chandeliers, a striking 75 foot long mural, and tasteful earth-tone color schemes.



The fine music and antics of Igor and the Crazy Ed's Jazz Band had partygoers dancing in the aisles.



The master sound and lighting consoles were the focus of considerable interest during the preview party.



Moments before giving the downbeat for the premiere performance to begin, Lawrence Welk reviews a musical score to be played by his Champagne Musicmakers.



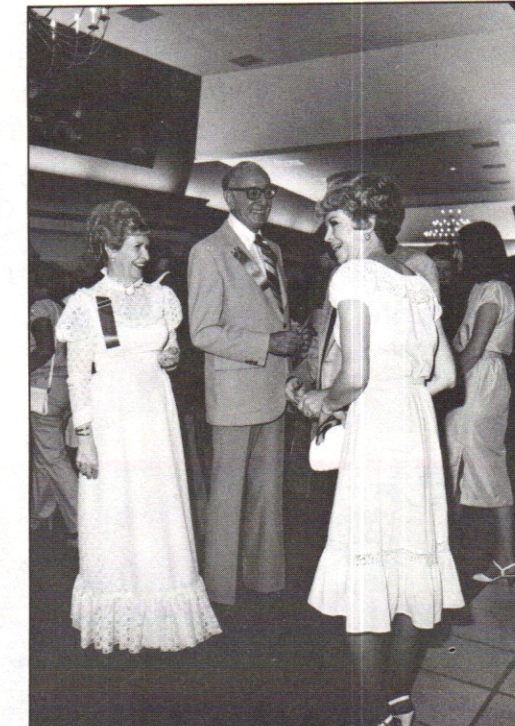
The Dome's 6,000 square foot dance floor got a real test during both the preview party and the opening concert shows by Lawrence Welk.



Jerry Svendsen, left, Vice President and Director of Public Relations, reviews comments for the opening night ceremony with DEVCO President John W. Meeker.



Sundome patrons have found the garden courtyard to be a great place to visit with friends before showtime.



Head ushers Johnny and Connie Kroll, left, mirror the smiles of amazement worn by opening night patrons as they entered the Sundome for the first time.

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part of my responsibilities as Assistant Director of Public Relations, I will be your new editor/correspondent for both the Sun City West Newsletter and the SCW Activities Calendar. I look upon the opportunity to keep you all abreast of the happenings and highlights of Sun City West with a great deal of pleasure. I know the months ahead will be very exciting ones for our community and it will be a lot of fun keeping you posted.

**Dateline September 12th** — A crowd numbering in excess of 3,000 turned out for a gala

sneak preview party at the Sundome Center for the Performing Arts.

The cocktail party and open house was hosted by John W. Meeker, president of the Del E. Webb Development Co. (Devco). Among those attending the glittering invitational were Devco officials, representatives of the many technical subcontractors for the project, business and community leaders, VIP's, and a large media contingent.

Guests arriving for a preview of the 7,169-seat facility were welcomed by a strolling group of

Mariachis performing in the Dome's garden courtyard. Once inside the 108,000 square-foot center, guests toured the open house from top to bottom. After seeing how the computer assisted lighting and sound systems worked, touring backstage and checking out the star dressing rooms, most of the party-goers settled back for an enjoyable evening of dancing on the Sundome's 6,000 square-foot dance floor.

As I walked through the \$10 million facility, called the "new gem of the desert" by Sen. Dennis DeConcini, comments reflecting surprise, amazement and satisfaction with the

complex were buzzing in all areas. The size, comfortable continental seating, and ease of access impressed many. Others seemed more attracted to the general southwest flavor designed into the building with its earth-tone color schemes, bright Spanish tilework, an abundance of living plants both inside and throughout the garden courtyard, and the tasteful appointments of the large, comfortable foyer area.

After three years of design work and construction, the Sundome opened to a full house on **Saturday, September 13.** Lawrence Welk and

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his entire traveling company were on hand to hail in the debut of the largest and most modern performing arts center in the state of Arizona. After brief opening remarks by John W. Meeker, president of the Del E. Webb Development Co., and Sen. Dennis DeConcini, the champagne maestro gave the downbeat, the bubble machines kicked into high gear, and it was on with the show.

And, since the show is the name of the game, here is just a small sampling of the types of entertainment already booked for the Dome: Sandler & Young; The International Salvation Army Band from London; the Mills Brothers; The Osmond's Christmas Show; the New York production of "Babes in Toyland;" Pearl Bailey; Red Skelton; Paul Harvey; Tony Bennett; and the American Festival Ballet. What a list! And I've just skimmed the surface.

There is no doubt that we have featured the Sundome on these pages for the past few issues. It is, however, a very unique accomplishment, and one that we are very proud of. The residents of our communities have long enjoyed the best in recreational facilities, and now, the dream for the best in a performing arts center has come true. We hope you share our pride and satisfaction with this great new facility — the Sundome in Sun City West.

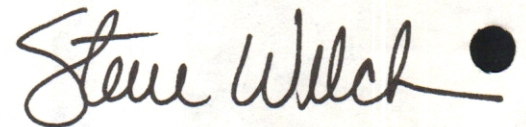
There are several community related events coming up that I thought you might be interested in hearing about. The 3rd Annual Sun City — Sun City West Fitness Festival will get underway in November. Hundreds of community residents are expected to sign up for the three-month Festival which will include guided exercise programs, health and conditioning seminars, as well as group walks, jogging and bicycle rides.

The Sun City communities will again be well represented in the 10th Annual Fiesta Bowl Parade scheduled for December 13th. Look for our float. It'll be the best one in the parade, which will be televised by NBC.

The 2nd Annual LPGA Sun City Classic has been scheduled for March 11-15. The \$100,000 women's pro tourney will again be played on the beautifully challenging Hillcrest course in Sun City West. I'll have more detailed information about these and other upcoming events in future issues of the Newsletter.

Well, that's about all for this month. If you have a moment or two in the coming days, drop us a line and let us know how you are. We'd love to hear from you.

Cordially,



Steve Welch



## Growth

*It's hard to believe that the initial ground breaking and excavation for Sun City West began on February 15, 1978. Thirty-three months and nearly 7,000 residents later, the growth of the community has a definite impact when viewed from the air. Sun City West is indeed taking on the rightful appearance of a city, and*

*can boast the completion of the Sundome, two excellent golf courses, R.H. Johnson Recreation Center, Camino del Sol Shopping Center, Crestview Restaurant and Vacation Headquarters, and, of course, a wide variety of home styles that enhance the active, resort lifestyle found here.*



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### ***Holiday season freshens anticipation of looking ahead to new year's activities as glances backward bring memory smiles.***

The Bougainvillea are pinkish-red atop their waving branches, the Canna clusters are still blooming crimson on sunny sides of homes, and Roses as big as your hand are plush red — all amid the frothy greenery of desert shrubs and trees.

Yes, Sun City West homes and recreation areas are in the holiday mood. Au natural. And for every successive year, celebrating Christmas among these living colors will become more exciting as maturing Pyracantha bushes sprout their glistening red berry clusters, inviting dozens of species of birds to breakfast, and as the Poinsettia plants which residents will be plunging into the ground after holiday indoor display are nurtured to heights taller than the eaves.



### ***Award***

*Rounded beds with textured plantings and lacy palm trees won a first place award for Mr. and Mrs. David Kravitz, 19223 132nd Ave., in the first annual home landscaping contest of the Sun City West Garden Club. The Kravitz's yard contrasts the small stones with large lava rocks. Eleven homes were honored in the judging.*

But this issue of the newsletter has more news than a report on flora — although the above description might let you in on the secret which Sun City Westers have when an old croney asks, "But don't you miss the snow?"

"Send me a picture of YOUR snow to look at while I pick an orange off my tree and Millie slips some fresh Rosemary sprigs into the pot roast!"

### **Writer With Several Hats**

Before we get into the news of what's happening here and what's coming up, a word about this new name that'll be coming to you monthly.

Although I'm new to this office, I've been around the Sun City communities for a handful of years as a writer (entertainment, arts, garden, homes, travel) for one of the local newspapers. Just call me Val (the last name is of Bohemian origin — somebody always asks) and consider me your link with what's waiting for you in Sun City West, in the Valley of the Sun (that's the comprehensive term for all the cities and towns in the Phoenix area, so-called because this is the Salt River Valley geographically), and throughout the Southwestern region.

Besides being a mother, I'm an enthusiastic gardener and Arizona desert buff (that means fan, not the color of the ground!).

### **He Who Lapsed Last.**

If you're wondering whether your November newsletter got lost in the early holiday mail, wonder no more. There wasn't one. Steve Welch, who told you all about the Sundome opening celebrations and celebrities in your October issue, became so involved with the beautiful performing arts facility that he's now devoting all his time to the Dome.

He says "hello" and asked me to drop a few names about the Sundome

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entertainers coming up. So, catch these as they drop: Pearl Bailey, Red Skelton, Pete Fountain, Fred Waring, Bob Hope, Paul Harvey and Victor Herbert.

OK, that last one won't be here in person, but his famed "The Babes in Toyland," updated and modernized in music and characterization, is going to be here for eight fun-filled shows before Christmas.

The rest of the names — well, they're part of the "Celebrity Sampler" package now being offered, plus various other series programs set through March. Details are in the new Sundome brochure. Tickets are going quickly; the A-section seating already is sold out for Red Skelton, Fred Waring and Bob Hope.

**In Person Is Special.**

Having the Sundome in Sun City West is a tremendous asset to the community. Much as we all enjoy seeing celebrities and stars on television; much as we enjoy recordings played on our own sound system at home; much as we can glean adequate information from magazines and the radio as experts comment on situations so we can understand them, there is a very special feeling at being able to applaud celebrities in person, at hearing a symphony concert played "just for us," about being able to cross-examine a lecturer in person.

And right next door is our "big sister city," Sun City, where the art museum offers outstanding monthly exhibits, a chamber music concert series presents internationally-known artists, the all-American game of baseball flourishes, the hospital and other health care facilities stand ready and able. Plus, thousands of active retirees offer friend-

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**Spice of Life**

Activity is the spice that enlivens life and the annual Fitness Festival of Sun City-Sun City West makes it easy to find different ways to become active and continue a fitness schedule throughout the year. From weekly exercise sessions in the Sun Bowl, above, and in the Social Hall of Johnson Recreation Center, to bicycle, swim and fun walk/jog events, festival activities will continue through February. The nominal membership fee gets participants a tee-shirt with the message "Exercise: Key to Good Health" and an exercise log, as well as admission to all lectures and special events. One of the features which kicked off the third annual festival was a demonstration by Wayne King (the famed waltz king), who favors a trampoline activity, right.



**Variety**

The November sunshine fell on a sparkling variety of art and craft items, above, for the second annual Crafts Fair. Johnson Center clubs and Sun City West residents filled the tables, then emptied them as two days of customers stocked up for gifts. Variety also was the keynote of the Holiday Variety Show, right, held in the Sundome with free admission. The Westerners Square Dancers were just one of many groups and individuals showcasing talents to an appreciative audience.



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ship — in a single wave, a dozen happy words, a hundred smiles.

**Fiesta Fanfare.**

If you're getting "homesick" for us already, just take a look at the special story in this newsletter about local television stations around the country broadcasting the Fiesta Bowl Parade from Phoenix. If a station you receive is on the schedule, tune in before the parade starts because the lead float is the entry from Sun City-Sun City West. It features the LPGA Sun City Classic, to be played at Hillcrest Golf Course right here in Sun City West.

You'll seldom see a larger golf ball than what's on that float — five feet in diameter! I can't tell you yet if the float won a prize because the actual parade is past my deadline for getting this in the mail to you, but we're all keeping our shoelaces crossed and sitting on pins and tees as parade day approaches.

There is a prize assured, however, for that LPGA event. The \$100,000 purse, of course, but also the prize to spectators who'll be seeing personalities in the

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**Tune us in on TV when 71 cities show the Fiesta Bowl Parade**

Last year the Fiesta Bowl Parade reached out to 55 cities in a delayed broadcast of the early-December spectacular in downtown Phoenix. This year, 71 stations across the country have scheduled the two-hour parade. The Sun City-Sun City West float, shown in an artist's sketch above right, is in the lead-off position and will have 16 people helping depict the LPGA Sun City Classic, including Sun Citians and Sun City Westers and three lady golfers. The times listed at right are the local start times for the broadcast, so be sure to tune in and tell your friends and relatives, too.



ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (KOAT)  
Sunday 12/21 @ 12:30 PM

ALEXANDRIA, MINN. (KCMT)  
Sunday 12/21 @ 3 PM

WALKER, MINN. (KNM)  
(Satellite of Alexandria)

ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN, PA. (WJAC)  
Thursday 12/25 @ 4 PM

AMES, IOWA (WOI)  
Thursday 12/25 @ 3 PM

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA (KENI)  
Saturday 12/20 @ 4 PM

ATLANTA, GA. (WATL)  
Saturday 12/20 @ 1 PM

BISMARCK, N.D. (KFYR)  
Sunday 12/21 @ 3 PM

WILLISTON, N.D. (KUMV)  
(Satellite of Bismark)

MINOT, N.D. (KMOT)  
(Satellite of Bismark)

BATTLE CREEK-GRAND RAPIDS, MI.  
(WUHQ) Saturday 1/3/81 @ 2 PM

BOISE, IDAHO (KTVB)  
Sunday 12/21 @ 11:30 AM

BOSTON, MASS (WSBK)  
Thursday 12/25 @ 5 PM

CHARLESTON-MT. PLEASANT, SC  
(WCIV) Thursday 12/25 @ 4 PM

CHICAGO, ILL. (WSNS)  
Thursday 12/25 @ 3:30 PM

CINCINNATI, OHIO (WBTI)  
Thursday 12/25 @ 5 PM

COLUMBUS, OHIO (WTVN)  
Thursday 12/25 @ 11 AM

DULUTH, MINN. (KBJR)  
(Not yet set; watch for local listing)

EL PASO, TEX. (KVIA)  
Sunday 12/21 @ 1 PM

CARLSBAD, N.M. (KAVE)  
(Satellite of El Paso)

FARGO, N.D. (WDAY)  
Sunday 12/21 @ 4 PM

DEVIL'S LAKE, N.D.  
(Satellite of Fargo)

FLAGSTAFF, ARIZ. (KOAT)  
Sunday 12/21 @ 2 PM

FLORENCE, ALA. (WOWL)  
Thursday 12/25 @ 3 PM

FT. WAYNE, IND. (WKJG)  
Sunday 12/21 @ 4:30 PM

FRESNO, CALIF. (KJEO)  
Wednesday 12/24 @ 4 PM

GREENVILLE, S.C. (WGGS)  
(Not yet set; watch for local listing)

BILLINGS-HARDIN, MONT. (KOUS)  
Sunday 12/21 @ 11:30 AM

HARRISBURG-PADUCAH, ILL. (WSIL)  
Saturday 12/20 @ 10:30 PM

POPLAR BLUFF, MO. (KPOB)  
(Satellite of Harrisburg)

HELENA, MONT. (KTVC)  
Sunday 12/21 @ 11:30 AM

HONOLULU, HAWAII (KHON)  
Friday 12/26 @ 8 AM

WAILUKU, HAWAII (KAIL)  
HILO, HAWAII (KHAW)  
(Satellites of Honolulu)

IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO (KIFI)  
Sunday 12/21 @ 11:30 AM

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. (WTTV)  
(Not yet set; watch for local listings)

LANSING, MICH (WILX)  
Sunday 12/21 @ 4 PM

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. (KARK)  
Friday 12/26 @ noon

LOUISVILLE, KY. (WDRB)  
Thursday 12/25 @ 3 PM

MILES CITY, MONT. (KYUS)  
Sunday 12/21 @ 11:30 AM

MISSOULA-BUTTE, MONT. (KECI)  
Sunday 12/21 @ 11:30 AM

KALISPELL, MONT. (KCFW)  
BUTTE, MONT. (KTVM)  
(Satellites of Missoula)

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. (KTUV)  
Thursday 12/25 @ 3:30 PM

PEORIA, ILL. (WEEK)  
Sunday 12/21 @ 3 PM

LaSALLE, ILL. (WEEQ)  
(Satellite of Peoria)

PHILADELPHIA, PA. (WTAF)  
(Not yet set; watch for local listings)

PHOENIX, ARIZ. (KPNX)  
Thursday 12/25 @ 10 AM

RAPID CITY, S.D. (KOTA)  
Sunday 12/21 @ noon

HAYS SPRINGS, NEV. (KUDH)  
LEAD, S.D. (KHSD)  
SHERIDAN, WYO. (KSGW)  
(Satellites of Rapid City)

READING, PA. (WTWE)  
Thursday 12/25 @ 6 PM

RENO, NEV. (KCRL)  
Friday 12/26 @ 11 AM

ROANOKE, VA.  
Sunday 12/21 @ 4 PM

ST. LOUIS, MO. (KSD)  
Sunday 12/21 @ 1:30 PM

ST. PETERSBURG-TAMPA, FLA. (WFLA)  
Sunday 12/21 @ 4 PM

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH (KUTV)  
Sunday 12/21 @ 11:30 AM

SAVANNAH, GA. (WSAV)  
Sunday 12/21 @ 4 PM

SOUTH BEND, IND. (WNDU)  
Thursday 12/25 @ 4 PM

SPOKANE, WASH. (KHO)  
Saturday 12/20 @ 3 PM

THERMOPOLIS, WYO. (KTNW)  
Sunday 12/21 @ 11:30 AM

TERRE HAUTE, IND. (WBAK)  
(Not yet set; watch for local listings)

TRAVERSE CITY, MICH. (WPBN)  
Friday 12/26 @ 1 PM

SHEBOYGAN, WISC. (WTOM)  
(Satellite of Traverse City)

WICHITA, KAN. (KARD)  
Friday 12/26 @ 12:30 PM

GREAT BEND, KAN. (KCKT)  
GARDEN CITY, KAN. (KGLD)  
MCCOOK, NEB. (KOMC)  
(Satellites of Wichita)

WORCESTER, MASS (WSMW)  
Thursday 12/25 @ 2:30 PM

YUMA, ARIZ. (KYEL)  
Friday 12/26 @ 11 AM



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Pro-Am and then top professional lady golfers for the 72-hole event.

Such great stars as Donna Caponi-Young, Beth Daniel, Nancy Lopez-Melton, Amy Alcott, Sally Little, Pat Bradley and Jan Stephenson will be battling to keep top positions during the play, March 11-15.

And battling Bob Hope will offer some of his humor gems in a special evening Sundome show during the tourney, too.

### Gem Dandy — High Up.

Speaking of gems, I wish you could see the Hillcrest Golf Course. It's an absolute emerald green from one end to the other.

That's no exaggeration — I just viewed it from the air the first part of this month when our photographer invited me to come along on his monthly aerial photo session.

From a distance, Sun City West homes, their white roofs arranged around the gently-curving streets, look like a giant child has been playing with white pebbles on a sandy beach. It seems the fantasy child followed a pattern of ebb-tide ripples for his intricate masterpiece.

As the airplane flew closer and lower, I still had to examine the lilliputian world carefully to find the major architectural features of the community, like the Sundome, the Vacation Special Apartments, the huge Johnson Recreation Center complex, and the car-studded Camino del Sol Shopping Center. But there was no difficulty in recognizing Hillcrest.

Breathtaking green in one cluster and dotted with crystals of blue water.

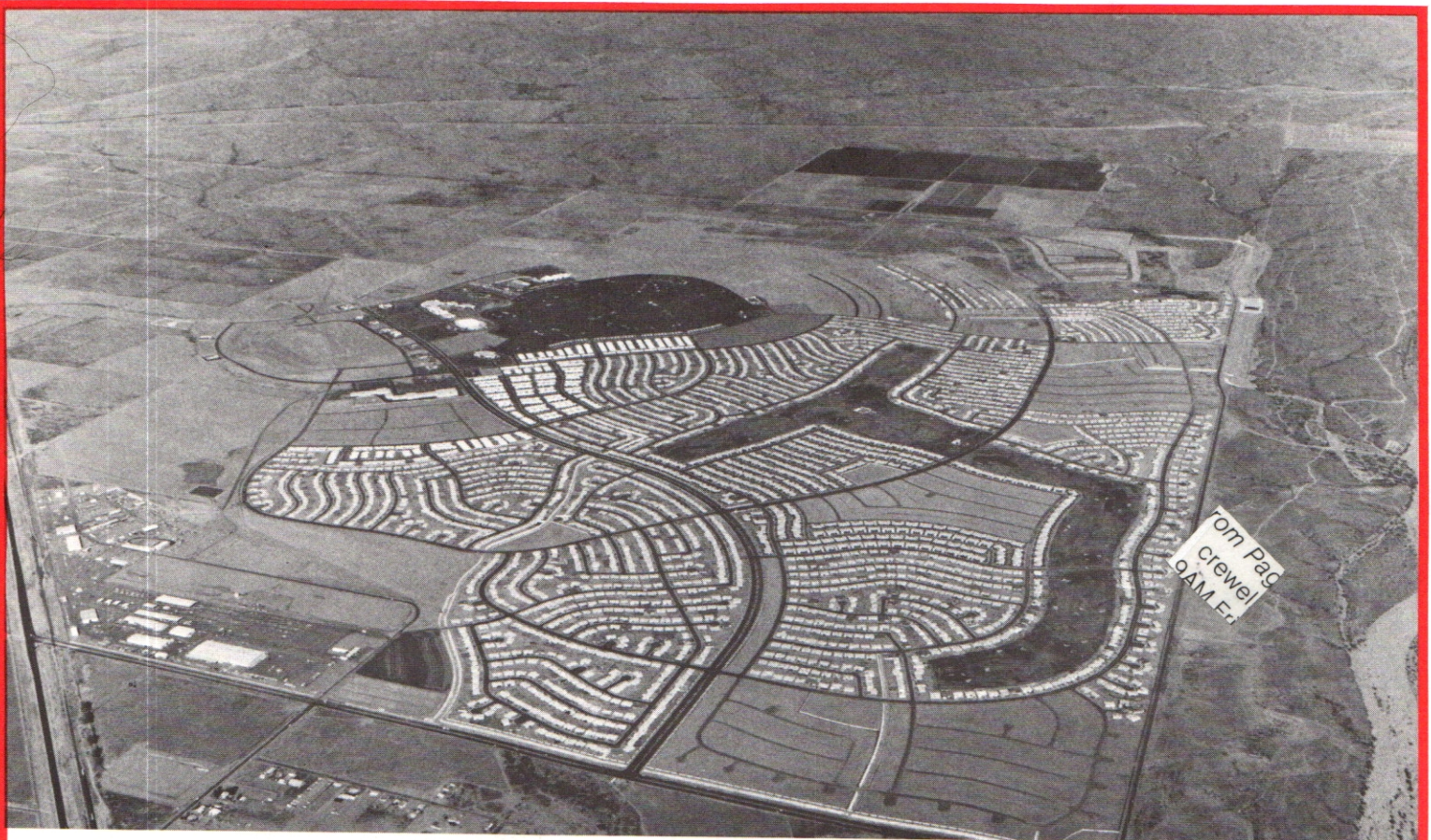
Then, like green ribbons unwound across the east section of Sun City West, the Pebblebrook and the new Stardust golf courses, both now open for play by residents, are dotted with sequins where tiny players challenge their skills.

Red flowers to green greens, this writing certainly brings you holiday colors! But also sunshine yellow wishes for the new year and orange wooly wishes to warm you through your winter.

Meantime, remember that this newsletter is a two-way exchange of ideas, questions, plans and thoughts between you and me about Sun City West. Let me share your letters with others like you who are looking forward to participating in this lifestyle blend of people.

*Val Bemberek*

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### December from the air

Looking north across Sun City West, the December aerial photograph reveals the orderliness of the streets and homes as well as the deep green of Hillcrest Golf Course, the LPGA professional course, and the activity at Pebblebrook and Stardust courses. Farm fields which circle the community are either freshly-planted in leafy crops like cabbage and lettuce, or have turned brown after the cotton harvest. Can you find the white roof of YOUR home?



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## *Getting involved in the 'artsy'*

### **IT'S EASY TO FAN CREATIVE SPARKS INTO WARM PLEASURES**

If it seems there are fewer and fewer artistically creative opportunities offered to you in Oconomowoc, Okemos, Oak Park or Oxnard, you're probably right. Recreation facilities (classes, equipment, instructors and schedules) are devised and developed for the "majority" population in any home town; and that most often means school-age youngsters and young adults.

On the other hand, consider who is the "majority" population in Sun City West. That's right, people like you who are opening new worlds for themselves in the Johnson Recreation Center arts and crafts workrooms. People who have had a creative spark waiting inside them for years now — that family and job responsibilities are winding down — are gloating over what they can get started on.

I wandered into some of the craft rooms a few days ago and found some people with thoughts they wanted to share. So their stories are inside this newsletter.

Admittedly, arts and crafts is only one facet of the recreational facilities available. But the creativity expressed in these rooms contributes significantly to the quality of a participant's leisure time in two ways: The sharing of a specific interest with others and the hands-on making of something tangible.

Art-craft activities are not competitive; nor are they a gotta-keep-busy reaction to retirement. Learning is always a positive action that makes people feel good.

As I peeked into windows or sat down and chatted with SCWesters — whether it was oil painting, drawing, weaving, needlework, copper


enameling, lapidary, silversmithing, woodworking, silk flower making, photography, sewing or "whatever" — the primary attitude is one of mental freshness. It starts out with a color or design or shape or technique that catches the eye and builds anticipation as the newcomer says to himself or herself, "I'd like to do that, too."

The amateur soaks up the sights of the workroom and interest is further piqued. Walk around, look over the shoulder of people already involved in a project, sign up for a class, start at square-one and learn the basics. From there on, everyone carries the new-found creative outlet to whatever bounds they wish.

There are those who sample and decide it's not for them. Some finish a class and never come back; they're satisfied with having learned. Some combine the new skill with another art form. Some go into advanced lessons and buy equipment for a home workroom. Some vary the instructor's prototype only slightly. Some elaborate magnificently. All succeed and fail at one time or another.

But once the creative juices begin to flow, there is an appreciation of other people's art expression, too. And when you begin to see the "soul" that goes into someone else's art or craft, there is even greater pleasure when another person sees the "soul" that went into your creation.

It is an exciting adventure on any scale.

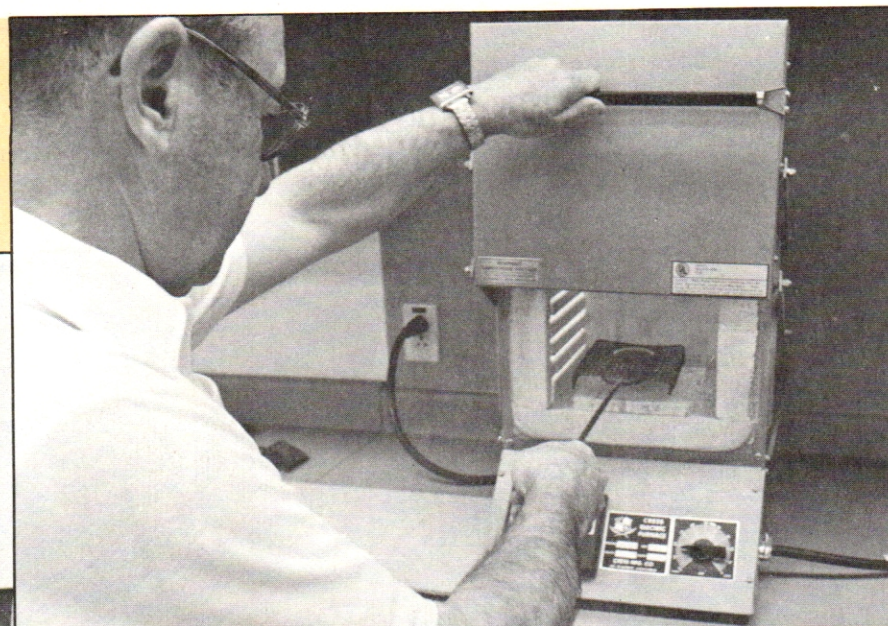
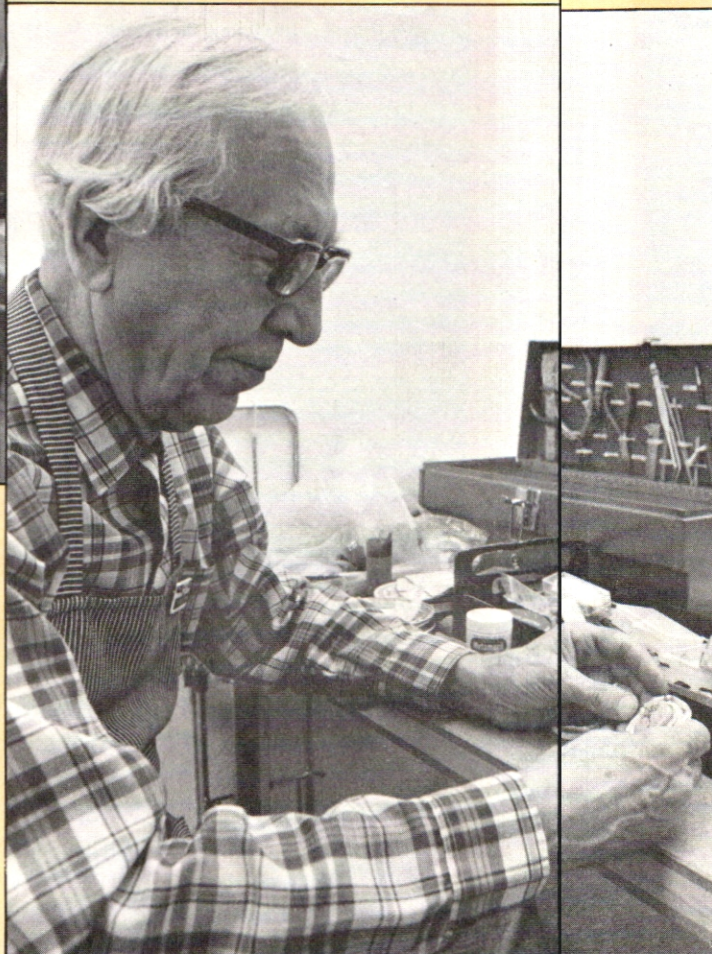


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Muriel Maley, left, dons magnifying eye-wear over new hair-do for lapidary work. Below, Wheaton Tanner arranges a stone in his silverwork.



Owen Moore, left, handles the kiln ever so carefully after advice from Jean Brady, below, who concentrates on a new enameling technique for butterflies.



## Art, craft rooms roar with quiet concentration, sincere encouragement

Owen Moore jokes about his inability to do anything with his hands. "Let's face it, I'm a guy with eleven thumbs," says the former investment banker from San Diego who moved to his home on 129th Avenue a year ago.

Today, he's found that he has only two thumbs and they both work like they're supposed to instead of getting in the way. As a copper enameling enthusiast and member of the Copper Cookers club, Owen has found a new sense of accomplishment.

"I looked at all of the arts and crafts and decided this one was for me because if I goof up, I can start over or fix it." As he talked, he was putting the finishing touches on a colorful floral pendant. (Sure enough, when he put it in the kiln, something went wrong and a puff of grey smoke emerged. But Owen was still smiling; "I know how to fix that," he boasted.)

The folks who gave him that sense of confidence also hail from California. Jack Brady, a high school art teacher, and his wife Jean, are patient with their students. They have a garage hobby studio in their Bellwood Drive home.

"We have one student who delights in making butterflies and that's all she wants to do. We have another who is wildly experimental with glazes and patterns," Jean said. "They're both totally enjoying doing something fresh and new."

Over in the Art Room, Elberta Cole, who moved from Sun

City to a home on Marble Drive, is signing up new students. "I've seen people come in and blossom," she exclaimed. "For some reason, there are folks who have had a hidden desire to paint and kept it inside them for decades."

She told about one student whose elementary school teacher told her as a child that her drawings weren't correct and she should stop doing it. "Finally, after retiring, that lady decided to try again. And she's good!"

Other than wanting to prove something to oneself, why do people take up painting when they know it's not as easy as it

**"People come in here and blossom."**

looks?

"I think bare walls are sometimes an inspiration — you'd like to put something up over the sofa that you've done. And the Arizona landscape is an inspiration — people use art to convey the majesty of what they see to others."

In lapidary, where participants are dealing with machines, the experience runs the gamut.

"Men — and women — who are mechanically-minded are just as enthralled as a former pencil-pusher who doesn't

know what an "on-off" switch is, laughed Ed Clemmons, a SCWester for a year and a half and lapidary monitor. He was a sheet metal welder in Chicago before moving to Regal Drive.

"What's really interesting, is that after both types have worked in the shop for about a year, they're equally eager to share their knowledge with newcomers," Clemmons observed. "Everybody's very patient — I think lapidary teaches that because you have to work on a stone for a long time before it is what you want. (Or before you discover that

**"I really enjoy just working quietly."**

it wasn't what you thought it was.)"

Tied in with geology and rockhunters, the hobby is fascinating, he contends. "Some folks buy stones at rock shows or pick them up out in the desert. We had one person who brought in a hunk of petrified wood he had been using since '42 for a doorstop. He finally had a chance to slab it and see what was inside."

Muriel Maley, a one-year Wester from Chicago who lives on Butterfield Drive, is one of those who "always wanted to

do it."

Still working full time (for the telephone company), she is polishing stones which she will make into rings for friends and relatives. "I don't have a lot of spare time but I really enjoy just sitting down and working quietly on these," she smiles.

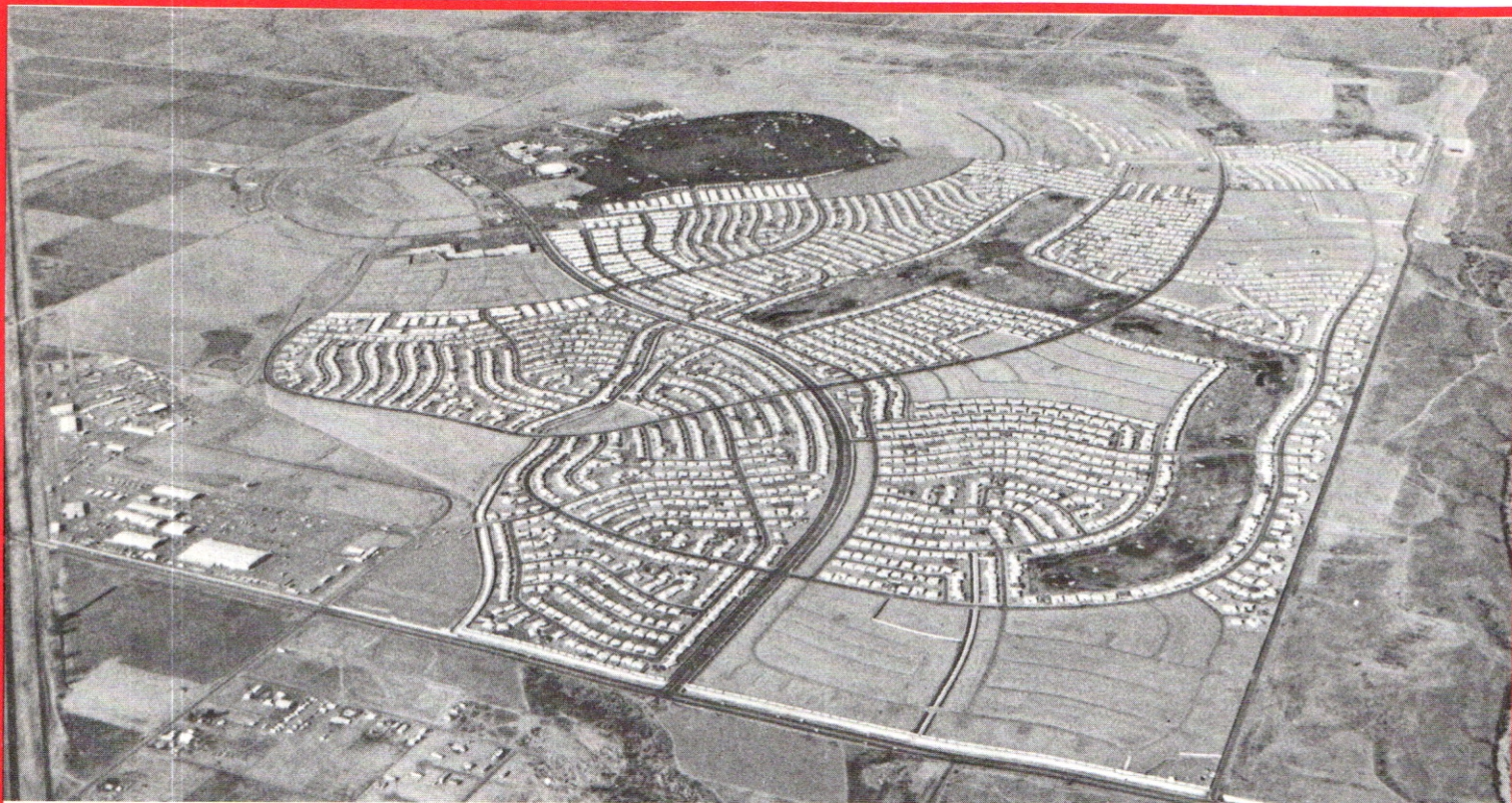
Lapidary's "partner-hobby" for many is silvercraft. "You have to do something with the stones," says Wheaton Tanner, who lived first in Sun City after moving from Appleton, Wisconsin.

Wheaton had taken classes in silvercrafting before he retired from pharmacy, so he knew exactly what his hobby would be. "The equipment here is absolutely fantastic."

On the other hand, his wife, Peg, tried silverwork but decided china painting was more her style. They live on Ashwood Drive. "Take a beginners' course in something to see if it interests you. After you've made enough bolo ties for gifts, you can look into selling your work through The Village Store," Wheaton advises.

Instructors and students alike encourage new hobbyists to experiment, find out what is interesting and then devote energy to it.





## January's view from the top

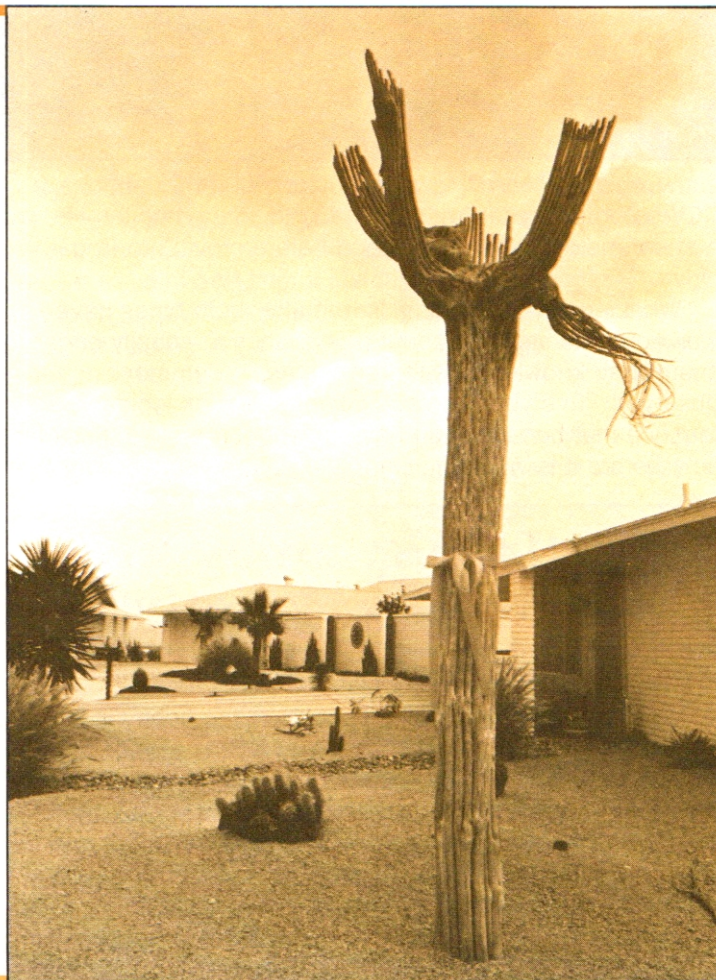
While other parts of the country man the snowshovels, Sun City West basks in balmy weather and sunshine. Mild rains have only greened the countryside up as there's been no nighttime frosts yet. Last month, Carl Brill found his home on Parkwood Drive in the aerial photo and, from his Oak Creek, Wisconsin, residence, made his wish for 1981 — to be here, and soon.

## Yellow ribbons, prayers point to hope for hostages

Hope for the safe return of American hostages in Iran has been expressed many ways — including a yellow ribbon on a saguaro cactus skeleton lawn decoration on Alyssum Drive — as Sun City Westers reach out in friendship to a neighbor.

Since it all began, Rita Ode has declined most media interviews and few people knew that Robert Ode's home was in SCW until he announced it himself when he spoke on videotape to his wife from Iran.

The retired State Department consul, the sixth hostage to speak during that Christmas service in Tehran, quoted a verse from the Bible and then, his voice cracking, addressed his wife: "I would like ... to tell her that I miss her ... and that I love her very much. The couple purchased their home here before Ode left for Iran in October 1979 on a special six-week assignment; Rita moved in herself after the Americans were taken captive a month later.





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## *Coming to a new home* **PERSPECTIVE ON THE EXCITEMENT OF MOVING IN**

For anyone of any age, the joy of moving into a brand new house and the excitement of that house becoming a home is unmistakably memorable. And when that move is into a retirement lifestyle community, the excitement is even greater.

Some have likened it to the first day of school; not many of us have forgotten THAT feeling. Eager anticipation, shy reticence, flashes of fear about what this all really is, modest comfort in the fact that so many others have done this before, and a lingering pleasure at the achievement in each step.

But unlike the first hesitant day of school, moving into a new Sun City West home is a self-induced commitment to the future.

And it is an adventure in home-ability (that's a new word I just made up meaning the ability to create a home). A favored chair settles comfortably in a new corner. An antique mirror reflects the desert sunlight into a darkwood hutch. The tableware matches this kitchen better. The Oriental rugs "fit" the floor layout artfully. The house becomes a home.

Normally, all these things are accomplished by husband and wife together. The settling-in is followed by a getting-to-know-the-neighbors (and neighborhood)—together. The ways and means of the new life are a-building.

For one of our new neighbors, things were much different than the idyllic pattern. Rita Ode moved into her Banyan Drive home last April by herself. She knew that her husband, Bob, would be coming, but she didn't know when.

Only a few neighbors knew why she kept to herself and busied her days tentatively organizing the lifestyle they both wanted together "right after his brief State Department assignment in Tehran was over."

It all worked out right, of course. There was a fairy-tale ending this month as Bob Ode finally came "home"

to a home he had never seen and was greeted by thousands of Sun Citians and Sun City Westers who waved their neighborliness with flags and yellow ribbons and flowers and gifts.

For a while yet, Bob and Rita will be special people—celebrities, if you will. They will be receiving a greater volume of mail than most others on their street, they will continue to have their hands shaken in welcome at the market, the golf course, the restaurant and everywhere they go. The press will continue beating a path to their door. And they will most certainly be invited to be guest speakers at more luncheons and meetings than any two people can fulfill.

But they will become (because it is their desire), as the months go by, "just retirees" like the rest of us—settling in, moving the favored chair to where its owner wants to sit, and building a new life.

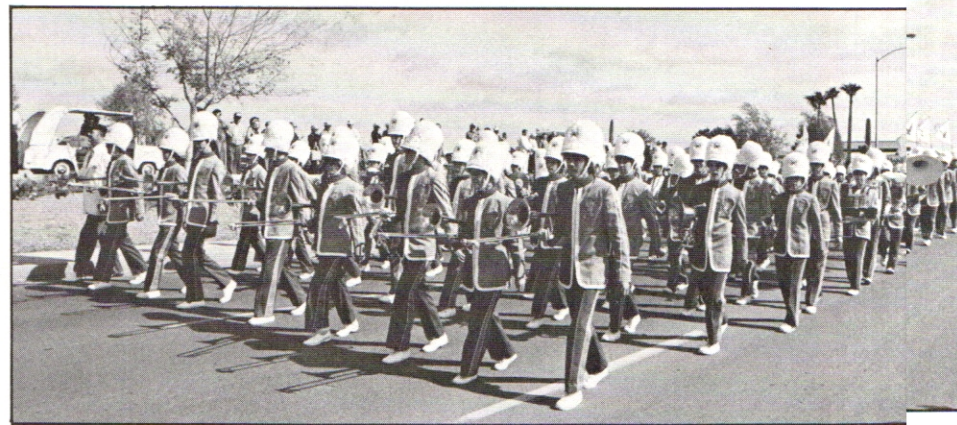
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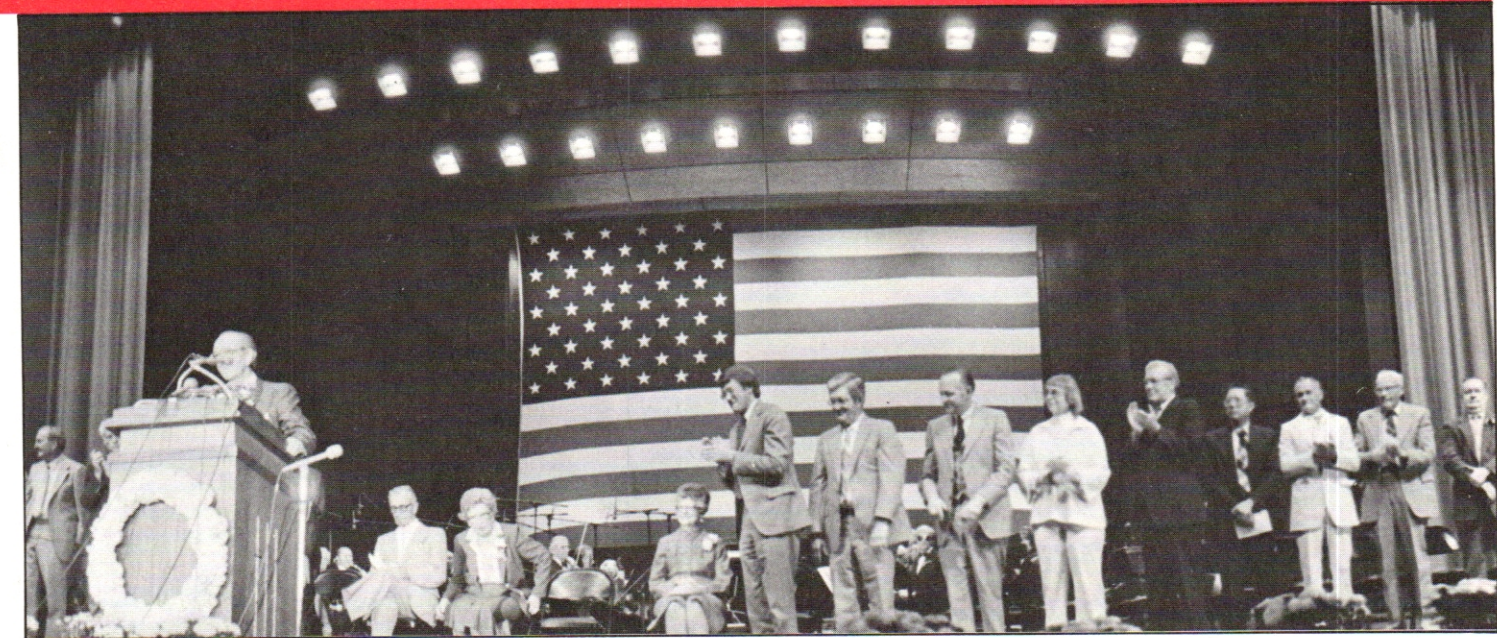




## Brass bands, bicycles and Brownies join Sun City West welcome for former hostage and new neighbor



Officially escorted to Sun City West by Arizona Governor Bruce Babbitt left, Bob and Rita stood every time the colors passed in review. Above, bands from junior and senior high schools, as well as community folks and youngsters, joined in the welcome.

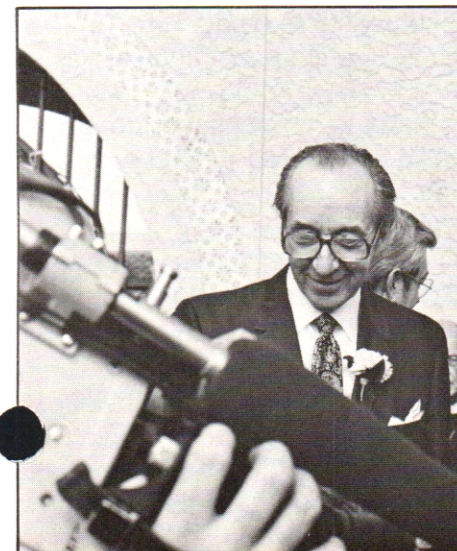


Confined to a hospital for more than a week while the other 51 hostages enjoyed full-blown celebrations in their respective home towns, Bob Ode joked over the telephone that he wanted "lots of brass bands" when he finally made it to Sun City West.

Happy to oblige, the Welcome Home Committee here kept all the trappings of the celebration together as the date of the Ode's arrival was postponed several times. Even as the bands, marching units and youngsters from surrounding communities waited, it was announced their flight was delayed an hour.

No matter, though; everything was waiting on Tuesday, February 10. Making their grand entrance in a yellow Cadillac convertible, the Odes watched the parade with dignitaries, then were escorted to the Sundome stage filled with yellow mums and a huge American flag. The oldest hostage (he marked his 65th birthday in captivity), Ode received keys to cities, plaques, a becoming Stetson hat, proclamations and, after the formalities, he held the audience spellbound as he talked for nearly an hour about the 14½ months.

He told of struggling with a member of "Khomeini's militia" during the seige; of being awakened during the night, blindfolded and moved at least 14 times; of being handcuffed and tied to a straight chair for days. Not allowed to speak with other hostages, he did calisthenics and walked two miles a day (after pacing off the rooms he was confined in). He wrote letters, kept a daily journal, studied Spanish and called the experience "hell on earth."



Since many of the letters he received were confiscated before he was freed, little Cindy English represented all the Dysart District students and presented him with a symbolic letter of welcome. Ode picked her up and hugged her, proclaiming "It's good to be home."





## ***With playing like this, who cares if they can cook!***

It probably never crossed anyone's mind while the LPGA women were out on Sun City West's Golf Course last year during the Sun City Classic event what other attributes the lady professionals have.

But as we prepare for this year's LPGA event, March 11-15, we find that the gals indeed can do more than play this demanding game. Patty Hayes, who finished sixth last year, for example, left behind her Italian Cheesecake recipe, which she says is foolproof. The native of Hoboken, New Jersey, (also Frank Sinatra's birthplace), she now lives in Florida.

### **FOOLPROOF ITALIAN CHEESECAKE**

one 16-oz. pkg. cream cheese

one cup granulated sugar

six eggs, separated

one tsp. vanilla extract

three Tbs. flour

one pint sour cream

(CRUST)

20-22 crushed vanilla wafers or graham crackers

two Tbs. melted butter

one tsp. vanilla extract.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease circular wall and bottom of 9-inch springfoam cake pan.

In a bowl, combine wafers, melted butter and vanilla; press onto bottom of pan.

In large mixing bowl, combine softened cream cheese, sugar, 6 egg yolks and vanilla extract with a wooden spoon. Add flour and sour cream; mix until smooth.

In a separate bowl, beat egg whites with a whisk or beater until foamy. Gently fold egg whites into cheesecake mixture. Pour into prepared pan.

Bake in preheated oven at 375 degrees for one hour. Turn oven off. Leave cake in oven with door closed for one additional hour.

Remove cake from oven. With a sharp knife, loosen cake from rim of pan. Sprinkle powdered sugar on top. Remove outer rim of springfoam pan. Chill cake one hour before serving.