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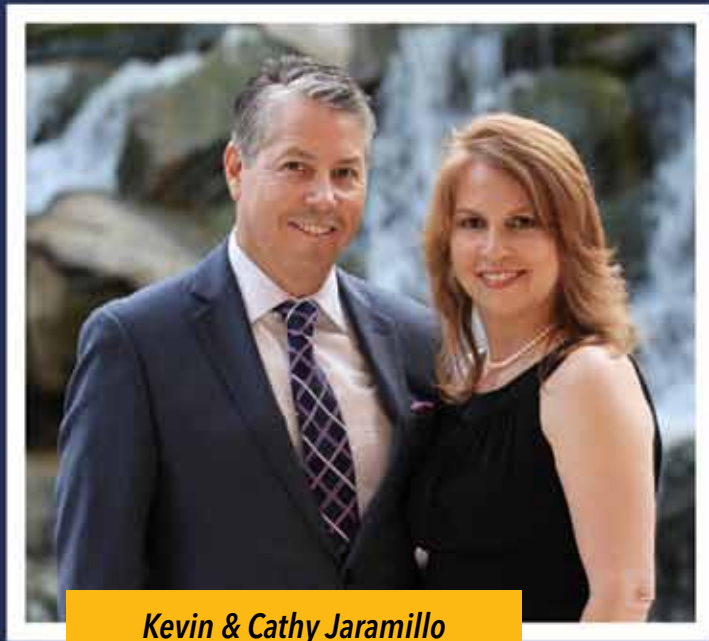
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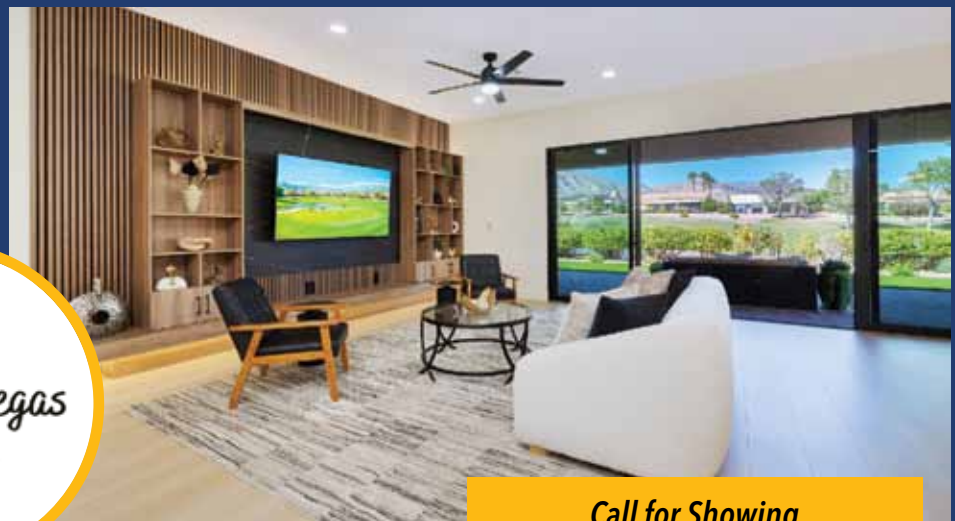
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Johnny and his black aura, and coyotes too

If you've watched any of the Winter Olympics from Italy you've probably come across Johnny Weir, whose pairing as a TV personality with Tara Lipinski was one of NBC's greatest moves. Johnny is as flamboyant as they come and almost as funny, and hearing the duo talk figure skating – and fashion, of course – is worth the price of admission all by itself.

My introduction to Johnny came when he was competing for the figure skating gold medal in Turin 20 years ago. He was a star on the US team, the only hope America had for a medal in the premier event of the Olympics. The only question seemed to be what color medal he would win.

But Italy didn't suit Johnny that winter. The minute he arrived he complained about the dorm



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athletes were staying in. The bed wasn't comfy, there was dust on the floor and, worst of all, there was no room service.

The good news was he arrived early enough to grab the bigger room with a bathtub, so he could take a nightly bubble bath.

Still, hopes were high for Weir in the men's free skate. And as a columnist for The Associated Press in Italy for the games, I made sure I was in the arena to watch it all unfold in what would prove to be a

memorable night for all the wrong reasons.

Weir planned to try his first quad in competition in an audacious attempt to beat the Russians at their own game. But the night started badly when he failed to read the updated bus schedule and missed his ride to the arena. He wandered about for a while before finally catching a ride with a volunteer, but arrived too late to warm up enough to attempt the quad.

His performance was a bigger disaster than his dorm room. He complained about a "black aura" following him around and ruining his chance at Olympic glory.

I wrote that it was a one bear performance, with only one teddy bear thrown on the ice by supporters when he was done. I also wrote this:

TURIN, Italy (AP) _ Johnny Weir was busy as he prepared for the biggest night of his life. Getting ready in the athlete's village, his schedule went something like this:

_ Make sure swan costume from short program safely put away. Check.

_ Clean dorm room one more time. Check.

_ Glue missing sequins back on outfit. Check.

_ Catch bus to arena.

Oops.

To me, it was a great night even if Johnny went down in flames. My job was to find the best story each day and write about it well before NBC's taped nightly broadcast, and Johnny delivered one that in my view was a gold medal winner even if the gold medal went elsewhere.

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Two community entrances do not have new cameras

By Tim Dahlberg
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Two Sun City Summerlin entrances off busy Lake Mead Boulevard do not have Flock security cameras to track criminal activity, despite the contention of Executive Director Mitzi Mills that all the entrances to the community are covered.

Mills offered no reason why the two entrances are the only ones without visible Flock cameras, insisting in an email to SCS LIFE last month that “We have covered all ingress and egress to our community from outside of the community.”

That, however, doesn't appear to be the case. While there are cameras at all other Sun City entrances, there are none at two easily accessible streets that offer entry into the community on both the north and south sides of Lake Mead.

That is significant because the idea of buying the cameras was to track all vehicles in and out of Sun City in case they might be involved in crimes. While all other known entrances are covered by cameras, two



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Traffic on Lake Mead Boulevard zips by the intersection at Airlands Street, which lacks the Flock security cameras that other Sun City Summerlin entrances have. The cameras are designed to track movement of suspicious cars through Sun City.

are not, seemingly leaving a big hole in the surveillance system that in addition to camera purchases will cost SCS residents \$30,000 a year.

The entrances are across from each other on Lake Mead at Airlands Street, just east of the Thomas Ryan intersection.

Sun City purchased 12 cameras from Flock a little more than a year ago, though it wasn't until December that all were installed. They are designed to read license plates and other identifying features of cars so that police can look for suspicious

vehicles if they are trying to solve a crime.

The idea for the cameras was presented by Mills in a Chat With Mitzi call in September 2024 where she said it was a conceptual idea and that residents would be surveyed to see if the cameras were wanted. In an update the next month to the Board of Directors, Mills said there were 12 entrances to Sun City and that 24 cameras would be needed. That was later scaled back to 12 cameras but the process was not clear.

The purchase was not brought be-

fore any committees for vetting as is normally the case. Nor was it presented to residents on a general basis outside of the Mitzi chat. Instead, it was brought before the Board of Directors in December 2024 with the only background information offered to residents the contract for \$67,800 for 12 cameras and one year of service.

They were approved unanimously after 1 minute and 10 seconds of discussion at the meeting, along with a \$30,000 annual payment for monitoring.

Mills had previously claimed that police did not want the specific locations of the cameras revealed, despite the fact they are on tall black poles with red signs warning of surveillance. But the locations of the first six cameras were included in her monthly department director reports to the Board of Directors that are available to any SCS resident.

The two entrances off Lake Mead without cameras are not heavily used, but they do offer an entry into Sun City on both sides of Lake Mead. Theoretically, a car could evade visible cameras and still travel throughout the community, exiting on the same streets without being recorded.

Emails sent by SCS LIFE to Flock's media department for clarification were not returned.

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Time running out for SCSCAI vote

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Time is running out for SCS homeowners who have yet to cast ballots for the Board of Directors.

The deadline for returned ballots is 5 p.m. Feb. 24. They can be mailed in or put in a ballot box in the lobby at Mountain Shadows Community Center.

There are seven candidates vying for four positions on the board. The top three vote getters will get 3-year

terms, while the fourth place finisher will get the remaining 2-year term to replace interim appointed board member Lee Fair, who did not run.

Two current board members, Jeff Rorick and Judy Williams, are on the ballot, along with Larry Robbins, Catherine Hoffman, James West, Fred Gallant and Helen Pri gnano.

Board elections have historically drawn low participation, with about

a third of eligible voters casting ballots. Election Committee Chair Leo Crawford said he hoped to get to 40 percent this year but was not sure the goal was reachable.

Ballots will be tabulated at the annual SCSCAI meeting on Feb. 25, beginning at 8 a.m. The next day, newly elected members will join returning members at an organizational meeting to decide who will be president and take other offices in the upcoming year.

REMODEL COMPLETE



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Two years in the making, the new gambling area and bar at the Tavern of the Falls is complete. The bar opened the first week of February, though there are no machines yet for residents to play as the slot operator awaits final gambling licensing. What began as the addition of the bar and machines expanded to a general remodel of the restaurant that improved bathrooms and added kitchen space. Jett Gaming will run the operation of 15 machines and pay SCSCAI \$15,000 a month plus \$2,000 for comped drinks to encourage play. The only other machines in Sun City are at Miller's Tavern at the Palm Valley Golf Course.

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Schedules? Those are for the concierge to figure out, I wrote.

Two decades later, the Winter Games are back in Italy and so is Johnny. He may have failed on the ice, but the commentary team of Lipinski and Weir is still must-see TV, especially for those tuning in to see what Johnny is wearing on any given night.

And you can be sure his hotel room this time has both room service and the biggest bubble bath in Italy.

I opened my latest issue of The Link in search of a fun show to go watch, and sure enough I found an Elton John tribute at the Starbright

Theatre on Feb. 28 for what seemed like a reasonable price of \$45 a ticket.

Before I did, though, I stumbled across a lengthy screed from Executive Director Mitzi Mills that laid out her case that the golf courses and restaurants in Sun City Summerlin are considered community amenities that must be protected.

Mitzi took nearly two full pages to get her point across, which I can tell you from my experience is about a page and a half too long. Still, I made it all the way through to find her conclusion was that the golf courses and restaurants are there for the benefit of all residents and not really different than swimming pools, pickleball and community gyms that don't make any money either.

She's right, but I can sum it up a bit easier for those who don't have the time or inclination to read.

Common sense will tell you we have a system that has worked – and worked well – in the 36 years since the first homes in Sun City began rising from the desert. Our community is thriving, home values are high, and the doom and gloom of underfunded reserves has largely faded away as plans were laid for a strong financial future for SCSCAI.

Yes, our HOA dues have nearly doubled in recent years. But the \$230 a month we pay for the right to call Sun City home won't buy you a gate and a clicker in any other Summerlin neighborhood. Meanwhile, thanks to the NORA increase and \$55 of your monthly dues going to reserves, they are on their way back to financial health and there are promises of a dues increase that won't exceed 3 percent next year.

That doesn't mean things can't be better, particularly when it comes to the Tavern at the Falls and Summit restaurants, which are hemorrhaging cash. To me it seems impossible to lose \$3,000 a day – every day – between them, but that's a story for another day.

And the golf courses? Not only have they shown great financial improvement in recent years but they are the foundation of the entire community. Close them or farm them out to an outside operator as suggested by some on social media and you might as well lease out the pickleball courts as well.

I've written before about living on the Coyote 405, the flood path that runs from Eagle Crest Golf Course down to the eastern fringes of Sun City. From my backyard I see them almost daily, and everyone hears the yipping and howling sound they make when things really get interesting.

Late February is peak mating season for coyotes, which means you will tend to see more – and hear more – of them than at other times of the year. I've noticed this already on my greenbelt, which is

filled with dog walkers who never seem to comprehend that it might not be a good idea to walk Fido without a leash when coyotes are lurking.

Interestingly enough, coyotes often mate for life and the survival rate of their offspring is thought to be higher in urban areas than out in the wilderness, perhaps one reason why there are so many in Sun City. Even more interesting is that the females often have two or three suitors and decide for themselves which one they want to mate with.

We live among them and they live among us, though it's an uneasy arrangement at best, especially for those with small pets. That leads to exchanges on social media like the one the other day warning about “coyotes on the loose” near a Sun City intersection.

“How did they get loose?” someone asked.

Finally, I'll repeat again what I've said many times since SCS LIFE debuted more than two years ago.

We are an independent magazine run by professional journalists that is NOT affiliated with the Sun City Summerlin Community Association despite the inference of some that we pretend to be. In our first issue I made that distinction clear and on the cover of every issue in large type are the words “Sun City Summerlin's Independent Monthly.”


If you want information on shows at the Starbright Theatre, club happenings or poems about holidays, read The Link, which is the official publication of SCSCAI. You'll even find the monthly specials in the restaurants should you get an urge to go out for dinner.

But if you want real news and interesting features about people in Sun City, we deliver it in your mailbox once a month. And, unlike the Link, it won't cost you a penny.

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At 87, barber's wit is as sharp as his scissors



Eddie Sproul cuts hair in his Sun City barber shop.

Eddie Sproul slides into a booth at Miller's Tavern, nods out the window at golfers finishing their round and says, "It's nice that all these guys got to do is chase a little ball around."

It's the first of many shades that day for Sproul, better known as "Eddie the barber." The 87-year-old started cutting hair before many Sun City Summerlin residents were born and still works three days a week, sharing observations at the barber shop at Sun City and Del Webb boulevards.

Asked if he has hobbies of his own, Eddie replies, "Pain management."

Where do you hurt? "I don't know."

What are you taking? "Don't remember."

Eddie has been delivering lines like those (let's hope they're jokes) to people in need of haircuts since his Navy days, followed in 1958 by barber school in Tucson, where he could also be found rodeo cowboying.

He first moved to Las Vegas in 1947 and remembers when Tropicana Avenue was a dirt road, regularly crossing paths with the Lamb brothers (look them up) and Harry Reid. "He was the same person."

After returning to Las Vegas for good, Eddie and his brother Willie ran barber shops, some with two-dozen chairs, leaving little time for the Strip. He had connections there,



DOUG PUPPEL
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though, and celebrities sometimes found him.

For a while, Eddie was the regular barber to Billy Graham. Eddie remembers thinking, "What am I going to talk

to him about?"

The world-famous evangelist, who preached about Las Vegas as a place full of people searching for meaning, turned out to be easygoing. They "spoke no word of religion," Eddie says, with Graham preferring to talk about NASA. As a tipper, he was "not bad."

Eddie's haircuts never catered to fads, sticking instead to the "gentlemen's cut" popular in Sun City Summerlin. His price has risen from \$2 to \$25 — and with money like that to be had, plus a captive audience, Eddie has no plans to quit.

"Love what you do and stay busy," he says. "That's my philosophy." To book a haircut, call (702) 271-1256.

TROUPER: As a Sun City Summerlin Community Theatre board member, Jacqueline Seavey typically focuses on the company's financial performance. Now she's sharpening her on-stage performance, playing Stephanie in the upcoming production of Neil Simon's "California Suite."

"The club needed more participation," Seavey said, noting that board members should lead by example. "I had no idea I would be trying out for a part, but it has been so much fun."

The ensemble comedy will be performed Feb. 21 and 22 at the Starbright Theatre. Tickets are \$20 and available at suncitysummerlin.com, with each performance listed separately.

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A love for aviation, instilled at a young age

By W.G. Ramirez
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Steve Cherry's love for aviation set in at a young age, passed down by his father and neighbors who included the likes of aviation pioneer Chuck Yeager.

His father, Clyde, was a test pilot in the United States Air Force in 1960, an exciting career to follow. At the impressionable age of 14 and starting high school when the family moved to the Air Force Flight Test Center at Edwards Air Force Base in California, Steve had a cockpit seat for what his future would hold in an exciting era of flight testing.

With the nearest town having little to offer in the way of housing, nearly everyone lived on base. So, as they moved into a brand-new housing area, Cherry was introduced to neighbors he'd later learn were icons in the world of flight test, including Yeager, the one name he was familiar with at the time. Then it was Bud Anderson and Fitz Fulton. And Joe Cotton, Bill Dana and Forrest Peterson, more names to add to his mentor list.

Cherry never knew who he'd see shopping at the exchange or commissary, catching a movie at the theater, or eating at one of the restaurants. And when Cotton gave Cherry a personal tour of the XB 70 Valkyrie, it was a mind-blowing experience to climb on top of the airplane with a giant delta wing.

Cherry would soon learn the importance and significance of a test pilot's role as



Photo by Jeff Scheid/SCS LIFE

Sun City resident Steve Cherry spent much of his career as a test pilot that saw him fly 90 different models of airplanes. At right is Cherry, circa 1971, in front of the first airplane he was trained in, the F-100 Super Sabre. (Courtesy Steve Cherry)

they push testing to the edges, flying aircraft in scenarios most pilots never will, such as: stall testing, system failures, emergency recoveries, and extreme maneuvers. This is what defines the safe operating limits of an aircraft.

Test pilots don't just say "this works" or "this doesn't." They explain how it feels and why something might be off. It's insights like this that shape cockpit layout, control systems, plus automation and software behavior.

"The patch that test pilots wear says 'Ad Inexplorata,' toward the unknown," said Cherry, who moved to Sun City in March of 2014. "We were producing a new fighter jet every year back then, and the pilots that would fly it, when they would get in, that airplane was designed with slide rules and pencil

and paper, and it really was unknown. The first guy to fly it was going to find out all kinds of things about this airplane."

Cherry was that first guy on a number of airplanes as he embarked on a career in the clouds that saw him fly 90 different models of airplanes. It began as a teenager watching the exploits of his neighbors but it wasn't long before Cherry graduated with honors from the Air Force Academy and President Richard Nixon was there to hand him his diploma.

After earning a master's degree at Purdue University, Cherry would serve a year in Vietnam and fly all the hot planes of the era. Then he was lucky enough to get one of the few spots in the USAF Test Pilot School in 1979, where he flew an F-104 Starfighter with Bill Dana as



his instructor, a thrill to fly with one of his idols. That led to three years as a test pilot in the F-15 Combined Test Force at his old home, Edwards AFB. He spent four years as an exchange pilot with Canadian Forces before returning to Edwards as the F-15 CTF commander in 1988.

If that wasn't enough, after retiring from the Air Force he worked as a test pilot instructor at the National Test Pilot School for 15 years.

Cherry said test pilots turn theory into reality, because while engineers can simulate a lot, real flight is different. And it's the test pilots who give precise, real-time feedback on handling and stability, controls and responsiveness, performance

at extreme speeds, altitudes, or conditions.

Things are different now, Cherry says, with artificial intelligence and computers doing a lot of the work. There are still test pilots but they're not flying on the seat of their pants into the great unknown.

"They build a model of the airplane on a computer, they build a simulator based on that computer, and the pilot flies that simulator before he ever flies the airplane," Cherry explained. "And 99% of the time the pilot comes down from that first flight, and he (says), 'Exactly like the simulator, I didn't learn anything new about this airplane, but I

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did validate that simulator model was valid.'

"And then they tweak the simulator model, and it's not really an unknown airplane when the pilot flies it. ... And that's a long process. We only build a new fighter every 20 years now, instead of every year. We've only built two new fighters in the last 40 years in the Air Force. So the chances of doing a first flight these days are very slim."

Which is why Cherry cherishes what he calls his "I Love Me" room in his Sun City home, filled with model plans and memories of his journey in those aircraft.

It was a role Cherry relished and to this day takes pride in knowing he followed in the footsteps of some of the aviation icons he remembers growing up around.

At the age of 79, Cherry moves at a slower pace now, loving life on the bike paths and the links rather than the wild blue yonder.

He spent five years as the president of the Sun City Bicycle Club, right after he moved into the community. He remains proud of his time leading the unit, as the bike club was close to being disbanded because it couldn't find any officers.

He had a bicycle, but didn't really use it much until Sun City became

home, and he realized Las Vegas was a bicycle-friendly town, with bike paths and bike lanes allowing enthusiasts to enjoy a fresh-air atmosphere.

"I volunteered to be an officer, and we got two more volunteers, and we revived the Bicycle Club," Cherry said. "And I enjoy it. I had never really cycled before I got here."

The club does three rides per week and distributes a ride report with photos, with anywhere from 10-20 people showing up for the 20-mile round-trip journeys.

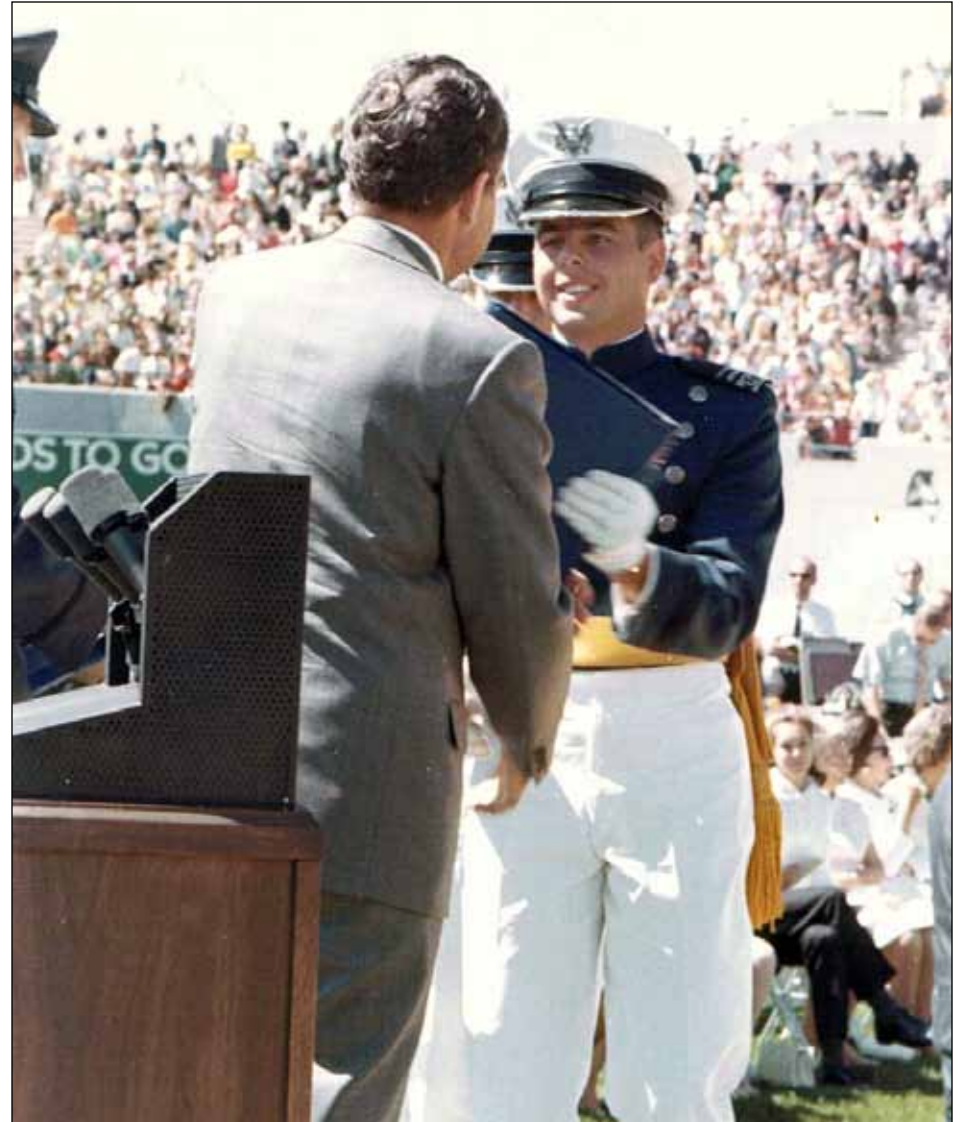
Cherry also enjoys golfing, one of the main reasons he chose Sun City as his retirement home. He's had seven holes-in-one, including one in Sun City.

"I looked at a bunch of different communities, and I like this one better," Cherry said. "It had three great golf courses. I like all the amenities. I had some friends who lived here. So yeah, that's why."

Cherry hits the links up to four times a week, though he said he's no longer a competitive golfer.

"I just go out by myself and play, or play once a month with the guys and gals, which is a hit and giggle golf," he said. "It's not really that competitive. ... I just realized that, no, 79 years old, it's too old to compete with those 'young 55-year-olds.'"

Too old to pilot a supersonic fighter jet, too, but the memories of a career spent in the clouds remain.



Courtesy photo Steve Cherry

Steve Cherry gets his diploma from the U.S. Air Force Academy from President Richard Nixon in 1969. Cherry went on to a career in the Air Force and later as a test pilot instructor before retiring to Sun City in 2014.

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15 YEARS AGO: Sun City Summerlin golf Courses rejuvenated, at a cost

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Sun City Summerlin Director of Golf Joe Kelly says the community's three courses, which had fallen into what he said was "terrible shape," have been rejuvenated into beautiful and highly competitive golf courses. Kelly credited the SCSCAI Board of Directors with being willing to spend money to get the courses back in shape. Still, Kelly said the number of Sun City resident rounds of golf have dropped in the last 10 years from 85,000 a year to 47,000. That has been made up by an increase in outside play in the same period of time from 25,000 rounds to about 47,000, equal to resident play. Board member Joe O'Connell, who chairs the Golf Oversight Committee, said \$1 million was spent just to upgrade greens at Palm Valley and Highland Falls. Greenbelt areas have also been improved.

• A debate between four of the candidates for mayor of Las Vegas got heated, with many upset over a scandal involving sick time and overtime pay for Clark County firefighters. Audience members in Sun City Summerlin saved much of their vitriol for candidate Chris Guincigliani, the only county commissioner present. Mayoral candidate Carolyn Goodman, who wants to succeed her husband, Oscar, in the office, did not attend.

• A 1,350 square foot home on the golf course was listed

for rent for \$1,150 a month.

35 YEARS AGO

• A protest parade of RV's owned by Sun City Summerlin residents has been postponed as they wait to see if developer Del Webb Corp. will make good on a new offer to give them a camper parking area. Bill Sobel and about 50 other Sun City RV owners say the developer promised an RV storage area when they bought their homes but has yet to deliver. Company officials denied at a meeting with residents they had promised the storage area but said they would provide one outside of the community, but only for current residents who own RV's.

• A house at 8917 Mountain Gate Dr. was listed for sale at \$133,900.

30 YEARS AGO

• Angry Sun City Summerlin residents have lost their appeal of home assessments that will boost their taxes 22 percent on average. The County Assessor's office said the increased home valuations were necessary to fix valuations that were set too low when the community was being built in 1990. Sun City residents filed 541 appeals and 35 were granted because of obstructed views and noise from commercial establishments on the properties. The other 506 were denied, despite claims by homeowners that they were being charged based on the asking price of homes, not actual sales. Residents said

they would appeal the decision to the State Board of Equalization.

• Del Webb Corp. is unveiling 13 new model homes at its Sun City Summerlin community. Company officials say the new homes are different from the original homes in Sun City and are designed to offer new residents more open areas and storage room. The homes are the latest in the community, which first started selling homes seven years ago. Sun City will expand to more than 7,000 homes by the time construction is finished.

• A 2-bedroom Sierra model was listed for sale at \$133,000.

25 YEARS AGO

• Two members of the Sun City Summerlin Board of Directors have been voted out of office amid allegations of ethics charges against them. Leonard Kreisler and Bernard Bronstein finished seventh and eighth among nine candidates for the four seats. An arbitrator with the Nevada Real Estate Division alleged ethics violations by the two with Bronstein alleged to have dismissed a complaint against himself and Kreisler voting on another ethics case after he already said the woman was guilty. Those allegations stemmed from an argument in which a resident swatted another board member with a rolled up newspaper.

• The Suncoast hotel was the host of the annual Sun City Summerlin Chapter of

City of Hope luncheon and fashion show fund raiser. Several hundred people attended and the Scintas performed. The fashion show raised more than \$10,000 for the SCS chapter to use for charitable purposes.

• A home on the 12th hole at Eagle Crest Golf Course was listed at \$217,000.

20 YEARS AGO

• Sun City Summerlin residents have come out against a plan to reroute air traffic from McCarran International Airport over the community. Residents also wrote letters to the Las Vegas Review Journal over an opinion column that claimed Summerlin residents were throwing their weight around because they were rich.

• A 2,556 square foot home on the golf course at 10521 Shoalhaven was listed at \$705,000.

10 YEARS AGO

• A crowd of about 650 residents turned out to see presidential candidate Hillary Clinton in a campaign appearance at the Mountain Shadows Community Center. Clinton's appearance came a week before Nevada's presidential primary and she emphasized that it was important for people to show up who support her. The biggest applause for Clinton came when she promised to defend women's issues, including Planned Parenthood.

5 YEARS AGO

• The Board of Directors

voted against doing anything about a tree trimming complaint from 22 homeowners on Sierra Heights St. The board said it would defer to legal counsel on the complaint but that Community Standards saw no violation from the trees. The homeowners complain that trees from homes behind their back yards have grown so tall they are blocking out views of the Strip and Valley that the houses enjoyed.

3 YEARS AGO

• Sun City Summerlin should be well covered for umbrella insurance after three policies were approved that would pay up to \$25 million total. The annual premiums are about \$150,000 for the coverage that begins in March.

1 YEAR AGO

• Basketball Club members are eagerly awaiting their first permanent court under a plan approved by the Board of Directors to install the basketball court on the site of shuffleboard courts at Mountain Shadows. The site of the new court seemed to come out of nowhere, though discussions have been ongoing for several years over where to house the Basketball Club. Most of those discussions centered on a temporary place to play or a permanent court to be built on the horseshoe courts at Desert Vista. Under the revised plan, one shuffleboard court will remain at Mountain Shadows and cornhole will also be added.

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LVVWD is replacing older polyethylene laterals that connect water meters to water mains with new copper pipes that can last up to 80 years, **more than doubling the lifespan** of this water infrastructure in neighborhoods.

To reduce water service disruptions and construction impacts, LVVWD is replacing the old laterals in a **fast, efficient process** that requires less excavation and service down time.



The streamlined process includes excavating a small area in the street to disconnect the old lateral. Crews use a cable with a cutting blade to split apart the old polyethene lateral and pull the new copper pipe into place.

During the planning process, LVVWD works with the City of Las Vegas and Clark County to identify roads that are scheduled for repaving to further **limit impacts** during the upgrades.

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Want to be an astronaut? I don't recommend it

When I was young, like all boys, I wanted to be a cowboy, a fireman, a policeman, or an astronaut. The first three opportunities expired decades ago. But being an astronaut is still a possibility. Remember Senator John Glenn? He was the third American in space, the first to orbit the Earth, and at age 77 (coincidentally my age), he returned to space, flying on the Space Shuttle Discovery. Well, if one 77-year-old could do it, why not another one?

I began by researching an astronaut's daily duties aboard the International Space Station. Then I imagined myself doing each one of them. When I was done—due to my lifelong history of being a klutz—I concluded that I should not be allowed on, or anywhere near, a spacecraft. This is what I envisioned would happen:

2:00 A.M. Wake up with severe urge to pee. Turn on enlarged-prostate monitoring scan, which forgot to do. Also forgot to turn on short-term memory whatchamacallit.

2:12 A.M. Discover crewmembers removed Star Trek antimacassars I put on seat backs earlier. Just trying to be funny. Fine, my See's candy dishes won't come out either.

2:45 A.M. Can't go back to sleep. Mice look dead. Feed them. Accidentally give energy placebo instead of melatonin placebo. Mice kick out of deep-REM mode and into hyper-exercise mode. Result: All vital rodent dream-imaging data lost. Like anyone cares.

3:41 A.M. Make sandwich. Forget where put dentures. Good thing brought Dad's old Clapper tweaked specifically for this situation. Clap hands twice. Jaw vibrates violently. So, that's where they were.

4:33 A.M. Overhead panel rattles. Unscrew panel and find problem: loose floating container. Label reads: STANDARD ISSUE NASA CON-



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HUMOR

DOMS (6). Only three left. Knew NASA missions never should have gone co-ed. Nap until crew awakens at 6.

7:16 A.M. Beat everyone in balance-and-coordination experiment despite claims that my walker skewed results.

10:00 A.M. Nap.

2:05 P.M. Personal elastic pants vast improvement in comfort department than NASA suits, particularly in groinal and buttockal areas. Usefulness of pants coming up to my armpits, however, needs further analysis. Could be causative factor for why crew addresses me as "Uncle Fester."

2:20 P.M. Nap.

3:45 P.M. Was not awakened until after the "The Real Housewives of Greenland" was on. Believe it was premeditated.

7:54 P.M. Get no takers for Bid Whist. Before turning in, ask Lieutenant Nadine Hemshaw to give me some Prune-Tang. Am struck over right eye by Lieutenant Nadine Hemshaw. Complaint officially filed.

8:22 P.M. Can't sleep. Ask flight commander if can "take her around the block," indicating Space Station, not Lieutenant Hemshaw. He agrees and briefs me on instrument panel. Apparatus complicated, but no more so than IKEA vacuum erection device that, now see, also forgot to turn off. Sit in commander's seat and take controls. Commander reminds for third time to check rear-view mirror before accelerating. Give him nasty look like one gave to Mama Cass for not giving autograph

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SCS BRIEFS

GOLF PLAY UP

Ideal January weather helped Sun City's three golf courses post some big play numbers. A total of 9,358 rounds were played at SCSCAI courses in January, up from 8,189 in January of last year and 7,927 the year before.

The heavy play far outstripped projections, which in current budget called for 8,100 rounds. There were only three frost delays and one day with rain in the month, with temperatures also warmer than usual.

Palm Valley had the most play with 3,345 rounds, with 3,110 at Highland Falls and 2,903 at Eagle Crest.

In the first seven months of the 2025-26 fiscal year, Sun City has sold 64,172 rounds of golf, well above the 58,275 allotted for in the budget.

NEW IPADS

Members of the SCSCAI Board of Directors are all getting new iPads to use for association business.

The iPads will replace Samsung tablets currently used by the board that have been plagued by battery swelling and overheating. The new iPads are 11 inches, slightly larger than the 10-inch Samsung tablets.

The Board of Directors approved the purchase price of \$3,404.06 for the nine tablets, which will have an estimated life of five years.

MAKING MUSIC

Donations from two Sun City residents will deliver musical dividends to the Pinnacle Community Center.

Susan Andrews is donating a baby grand electric piano for the center, while Marti Stimpson is donating a 2001 console organ for the music room. The organ will replace a 1995 model that is in need of repair.

The Board of Directors accepted the donations and will pay the \$600 needed to move the items to Pinnacle and to remove the existing organ.



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Bible Study 1:30 p.m.

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Burglaries down in Sun City

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Burglaries in Sun City Summerlin have dropped in recent months, according to a crime prevention specialist for the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

Randy Klenosky said there were just two burglaries in an 84-day period ending in early February, compared to 12 for the previous reporting period.

“That’s great to see especially since it was during a holiday period,” Klenosky said in his quarterly Zoom call with Sun City residents.

The decrease was especially notable, Klenosky said, because burglaries in the remainder of Summerlin were up 12 percent during the same time frame.

“Hopefully it’s attributable to

more people being proactive, investing in cameras, window screens and other prevention devices,” he said.

Klenosky said there were just two cars stolen in Sun City during the period, down from four, and there were no robberies. The only category that went up was fraud, with nine crimes reported, up from eight the previous period.

Klenosky suggested residents learn about various scams to better protect themselves, and watch the video from January’s NPT seminar that featured experts on ways of avoiding scams and fraud.

“You’re going to have crimes,” he said. “There’s nowhere with zero crimes, no utopia. And frauds and scams are probably some of the easiest crimes to commit.”

YOUR HEALTH

Toni Says: What is TrumpRx and how does it work with Medicare Part D?

Hello, Toni:

I am a 68-year-old male on a Medicare Advantage plan through my last employer. How does the new TrumpRx plan fit into Medicare? Currently, Express Scripts manages my Part D plan.

Thank you, Toni.

—Mike from Cypress, Texas

Hi, Mike:

On Feb. 5, 2026, TrumpRx, the new federal direct-to-consumer Web platform for discounted prescription drugs, was officially launched by the Trump administration. TrumpRx.gov aims to provide prices for many popular medicines similar to the lowest paid by other developed nations.

It is important that those enrolled in a Part D plan or employer/individual health insurance with prescription drug benefits know that TrumpRx will not lower the cost of your prescriptions in that specific plan. The TrumpRx coupon is for cash-only purchases, and the costs do not count toward your Medicare Part D deductible or out-of-pocket maximum. Research which way costs less, either (1) your prescription drug Part D plan’s copays or cost of the covered prescription or (2) the prescription drug’s cost with the TrumpRx coupon discount.

It’s also important to know that the TrumpRx discount prescription drug plan is not considered a creditable Medicare Part D plan. Using TrumpRx or a discount prescription drug platform such as GoodRx will not keep you from getting a penalty for not enrolling in a Part D plan.

I would strongly advise those turning 65 not to wait but to enroll in a Part D plan during their seven-month Medicare Initial Enrollment Period (IEP). Otherwise you could be subject to a Part D penalty.

The 2026 Medicare Part D costs are as follows:

—Initial coverage deductible is up to



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HEALTH

\$615 for 2026 and changes each year.

—Initial coverage has six drug tiers; the Part D plan pays its share of the cost of your drugs, and you pay your share until the amount

of your out-of-pocket maximum is met. For 2026, \$2,100 is the out-of-pocket maximum. Then you move into the catastrophic coverage stage and pay \$0. (Remember, when you go through TrumpRx or other discount platforms such as GoodRx or Amazon Pharmacy to get discounts on your brand-name or generic prescriptions, the cost you pay will not count toward your \$2,100 out-of-pocket maximum for 2026.)

—Catastrophic coverage: There is \$0 out of pocket once a Medicare beneficiary enters the catastrophic coverage stage by meeting the \$2,100 minimum. Medicare will pick up all costs of the prescriptions, whether brand-name or generic, with a stand-alone Medicare Part D plan or a Medicare Advantage with a Part D plan included.

—On January 1 of each year, the process starts all over again with a new Medicare Prescription Drug plan and new initial deductible and maximum initial coverage limit that leads you to the catastrophic coverage stage.

If you’re concerned about paying the \$2,100 maximum out of pocket, use the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan, a payment option that began Jan. 1, 2025, to help manage your out-of-pocket drug costs by spreading your monthly prescription drug costs throughout the year from January to December. For more information about the payment plan, visit www.medicare.gov or call your Medicare Part D plan.

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JANUARY CRIME REPORT

A look at January crime in Sun City Summerlin, as reported by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

BURGLARY

1-11 12:52 a.m. 2500 Block Banora Point Drive

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

1-14 8:30 p.m. 8700 Block Villa Ridge Drive

THEFT / LARCENY

1-2 2:47 a.m. 10300 Block Eagle Vale Avenue

1-5 8:06 a.m. 9200 Block Yucca Blossom Drive

1-17 1:39 p.m. 9300 Block Villa Ridge Drive

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

1-5 6:55 a.m. 9400 Block Del Webb Boulevard

SOURCE: LVMPD Open Data Portal

Blurry line between medical and vision insurance leaves patient with unexpected bill

By Tony Leys
KFF Health News

Barbara Tuszynski was concerned about her vision but confident in her insurance coverage when she went to an eye clinic last May.

The retiree, 70, was diagnosed with glaucoma in her right eye in 2019. She had a laser procedure to treat it in 2022, and she uses medicated drops in both eyes to prevent more damage. She is supposed to be checked regularly, she said.

During the May appointment, Tuszynski's optometrist examined her eyes and reassured her that the glaucoma had not worsened.

Tuszynski, who lives in central Wisconsin, had looked up beforehand whether the clinic in nearby Madison participated in her insurance plan. The insurer's website listed the optometrist's name with a green check mark and the words "in-network." She assumed that meant her policy would cover the appointment.

Then the bill came. An optometrist charged \$340 for vision testing and optic nerve imaging.

Tuszynski's UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage plan declined to pay for her eye appointment. "The member has no out of network benefits," the company's denial letter said.

Tuszynski felt like she was seeing double. How could an eye doctor be in-network and out-of-network at the same time? She said she sent the insurer a screenshot of its own webpage showing the clinic listed as in-network.

She said that after she complained, UnitedHealthcare representatives explained that the eye clinic was in-network under her vision plan, so her policy would cover the clinic's services related to glasses or con-

tact lenses. But they said the clinic was not in-network for her medical insurance plan, and glaucoma treatment is considered a medical issue.

Tuszynski was baffled that care for a patient's eyes would not be covered by vision insurance. She said she didn't realize that insurers can have contracts with eye clinics to provide some services but not others.

UnitedHealthcare spokesperson Meg Sergel said such arrangements are common, including with non-Medicare insurance provided by employers or purchased by individuals. "I looked up my eye doctor, and it's the same thing," she said in an interview with KFF Health News.

Sergel said she understood how a customer could mistakenly think vision insurance would cover all care for the eyes. She said UnitedHealthcare recommends that before undergoing treatment, patients ask care providers whether they are in-network for specific services.

Casey Schwarz, senior counsel for education and federal policy at the nonprofit Medicare Rights Center, said such complications frequently come up when Medicare Advantage members try to use their insurance at eye clinics or dental offices.

The federal government pays insurers to run Medicare Advantage plans for people who choose them instead of traditional Medicare. More than half of Medicare beneficiaries sign up for the private plans. Many offer routine vision and dental coverage that isn't included with traditional Medicare.

UnitedHealthcare eventually agreed to cover the bill as if the service had been in-network in a good faith gesture but warned it would not do so again.

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COMMENTARY

Impending doctor shortage

How many years have you been seeing the same primary care physician? Given the demographics and nature of Sun City, my guess is five years or less.

When it comes to a long-term relationship with a doctor — primary care or a specialist — there is some disturbing news on the horizon. An impending doctor shortage in the United States is occurring because doctors are retiring in droves, and the result is a worsening national shortage of internists and general practitioners.

Seniors will be hardest hit.

A decade-long Yale University study published in October 2025 tracked over 712,000 physicians serving Medicare patients and found soaring attrition rates across every specialty, geographic region, and demographic group.

Dr. Cameron J. Gettle, one of the authors of the Yale study, says, "Rates of attrition among physicians across specialties are increasing over the years studied. This includes male and female doctors, those practicing in rural and urban areas, across all specialties and age groups."

The six fields hardest hit are Hospital Medicine, Anesthesiology, Cardiology, Vascular Surgery, general surgery, and Radiology.

If you have a doctor you like, keep



SHERMAN R. FREDERICK
COMMENTARY

him or her. If you don't, now's the time to find one.

PRO TIP

Living in Las Vegas offers world-class entertainment 365 days a year. But there are certain events outside Las Vegas worth exploring. One of them is baseball Spring training in the Phoenix Valley.

It's only a short drive or a painless Southwest flight. The hotel rooms are decent and reasonably priced. Beer is cold. Mexican food a-plenty.

Put it on your calendar. It's a fun time.



(Sherman R. Frederick is a longtime Nevada journalist. You can find more of his writing at shermanfrederick.substack.com, and he can be reached via email at shermfrederick@gmail.com.)



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Do I need to file a tax return this year?

Dear Savvy Senior,
What are the IRS income tax filing requirements for retirees this tax season? I didn't file a tax return last year because my income was below the filing threshold, but I got a part-time job in 2025, so I'm wondering if I need to file this year.

Semi-retired Joe



JIM MILLER

- Married filing separately: \$5 at any age.

- Head of household: \$23,625 (\$25,625 if 65 or older).

- Qualifying surviving spouse:

\$31,500 (\$33,100 if 65 or older).

For a detailed breakdown, including taxable vs. nontaxable income, you can request a free copy of the IRS "1040 and 1040-SR Instructions for Tax Year 2025" by calling 800-829-3676, or view it online at [IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/i1040gi.pdf](https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/i1040gi.pdf).

CHECK HERE TOO

Be aware that there are other financial situations that can require you to file a tax return, even if your gross income falls below the IRS filing requirements. For example, if you earned more than \$400 from self-employment in 2025, owe any taxes on an IRA, Health Savings Account or an alternative minimum tax, or get premium tax credits because you, your spouse or a dependent is enrolled in a Health Insurance Marketplace plan, you'll



need to file.

You may also need to file if you're receiving Social Security benefits, and one-half of your benefits plus your other gross income and any tax-exempt interest exceeds \$25,000, or \$32,000 if you're married and filing jointly.

To figure all this out, the IRS offers an online tax tool that asks a series of questions that will help you determine if you're required to file, or if you should file because you're due a refund. It takes less than 15 minutes to complete.

You can access this tool at [IRS.gov/help/ita](https://www.irs.gov/help/ita) – click on "Filing Requirements – Do I need to file a tax return?" Or you can get assistance over the phone by calling the IRS helpline at 800-829-1040.

CHECK YOUR STATE

Even if you're not required to file a federal tax return this year, don't assume that you're also excused

from filing state income taxes. The rules for your state might be very different. Check with your state tax agency before assuming you're off the hook. A complete list of state tax agencies is available at [Taxadmin.org/fta-members](https://www.Taxadmin.org/fta-members).

TAX PREP HELP

If you find that you do need to file a tax return this year, you can Free File at [IRS.gov/freefile](https://www.irs.gov/freefile), which is a partnership program between the IRS and tax software companies. Your 2025 adjusted gross income must be below \$89,000 to qualify.

If you need some help with your tax returns, the IRS sponsored Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) program provides free tax preparation and counseling to middle and low-income taxpayers, age 60 and older. Call 800-906-9887 or visit [IRS.treasury.gov/freetaxprep](https://www.irs.gov/treasury.gov/freetaxprep) to locate services near you.

You can also get help through the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide service at [AARP.org/findtaxhelp](https://www.aarp.org/findtaxhelp) or call 888-227-7669. You don't have to be an AARP member to use this service.

Send your questions or comments to questions@savvysenior.org, or to Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070.

Toni

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It is important for those enrolling in Medicare to know how to open a www.medicare.gov account, which has your Medicare information, before enrolling in a Medicare Part D plan, whether a stand-alone Part D plan or a Medicare Advantage plan with Part D included, like the one that you, Mike, are enrolled in. Once you have opened your Medicare.gov

account, you can go online and begin searching for your prescription drug plan by clicking on "Find health and drug plans" and following the steps.

Remember, with Medicare, what you don't know WILL hurt you!

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Home sales in Sun City continue decline in January

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Sun City Summerlin home sales declined even more in January, with just 33 homes closing in the community. That was down from 39 in December.

In a sign that the market might still have some strength, though, there were 40 homes put under contract during January.

There were 151 homes for sale in Sun City Summerlin at the beginning of February, with 19 on the golf course, ranging from \$425,000 to \$1,475,000 and 9 with a Strip view, ranging from \$319,000 to

\$1,695,000.

Homes sold in January ranged from a 1,046 square foot Bristol model townhouse at 8628 Desert Holly Dr for \$315,000 to \$1,200,000 for a 2,334 square foot Windsor model single family at 2800 Darby Falls Dr. The home was the only sale over \$1 million for the month in the community.

Homes for sale in February ranged from a Bristol model townhouse at 9424 Gold Mountain Dr with 1,062 square feet for \$298,000 to \$1,695,000 for a 2,886 square foot Nevadan model single family at 2548 Faiss Dr.

JANUARY HOME SALES IN SUN CITY SUMMERLIN

- 10737 Shackleton DR 1,829 SF \$620,000
- 10004 Heyfield DR 1,220 SF \$365,000
- 3108 Archwood WAY 1,384 SF \$385,000
- 2428 Desert Butte DR 1,755 SF \$375,000
- 2412 Springridge DR 1,119 SF \$350,000
- 2732 Showcase DR 1,179 SF \$324,924
- 2800 Darby Falls DR 2,334 SF \$1,200,000
- 2836 Bluff Point DR 1,384 SF \$515,000
- 2413 Rockford ST 1,533 SF \$410,000
- 2456 Palmridge DR 1,804 SF \$450,000
- 9308 Quail Ridge DR 1,620 SF \$487,550
- 2509 Big Timber DR 1,384 SF \$590,000
- 3004 Lotus Hill DR 1,653 SF \$410,000
- 2548 Golfside DR 2,115 SF \$780,000
- 2512 Sunup DR 1,653 SF \$435,000
- 8628 Desert Holly DR 1,046 SF \$315,000
- 3028 Treesdale DR 2,210 SF \$725,000
- 10713 Brinkwood AVE 1,520 SF \$460,000
- 9119 Garden View DR 2,577 SF \$900,000
- 8845 Sunny Mead CT 1,804 SF \$445,000
- 2532 Big Timber DR 1,359 SF \$475,000
- 2645 Saltbush DR 1,653 SF \$500,000
- 8801 Villa Ridge DR 1,119 SF \$405,000
- 10400 Georgetown PL 1,402 SF \$435,000
- 2413 Deer Lake ST 2,318 SF \$705,000
- 2620 Deer Lake ST 1,220 SF \$390,000
- 10409 Snyder AVE 1,250 SF \$320,000
- 10713 Clarion LN 1,520 SF \$440,000
- 11029 Rackhurst AVE 1,510 SF \$380,000
- 2216 Spring Water DR 1,201 SF \$350,000
- 10309 Georgetown PL 1,179 SF \$400,000
- 2517 Desert Butte DR 1,804 SF \$460,000
- 8737 Smokey DR 1,384 SF \$393,000

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Schwarz said regulators should require insurance companies to clearly explain to customers and care providers how different procedures and services will be covered under vision, dental, and health plans. “They’re tricky,” she said.

In an ideal world, Schwarz said, Medicare would consider things like dental cleanings, eye checkups, and hearing aids as basic health care that would be covered in the same way as other medical care. But until that happens, she said, patients with any doubt should call their insurers beforehand to check whether services will be covered.

Tricia Neuman, a senior vice president with KFF, a health information nonprofit that includes KFF Health News, noted that Medicare’s website now includes a tool that can help people determine whether their doctors participate in a Medicare Advantage plan.

Tuszynski worked for 30 years as a secretary in hospitals and at doctors’ offices, so she’s familiar with billing issues, she said. “If I can’t sort

through all this, how can anybody else do it?”

She knows her \$340 bill was much smaller than the medical debts many other people face. But she said it was a serious amount of money to her, and she was glad she objected to the insurer’s contention that the bill shouldn’t be covered.

“I have a strong feeling about right and wrong — and this is just wrong,” she said.

For 2026, she decided to shift out of her Medicare Advantage plan. She now is enrolled in traditional Medicare, plus a supplemental plan to help with copays and other costs. She pays \$184 a month for that plan, compared with paying no separate premium for her old Medicare Advantage plan.

Now she won’t have to worry about private insurers’ limited networks of contracted care providers, she said. Her glaucoma treatment will be covered at the Madison eye clinic.

However, she no longer has insurance coverage for eyeglasses, just a discount plan if she buys glasses from certain stores. She used her Medicare Advantage insurance to buy new glasses shortly before switching. “Hopefully, those will last me a while,” she said.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DEAR EDITOR,

This email is in reference to this month’s issue entitled, “Sierra Heights Tree Saga...” please thank Tim Dahlberg for the article and bringing attention to this important issue that will affect all via the drop of property values.

What I found amazing was Mitzi’s quote about the golf course properties being entitled to the views (if I read it correctly), as my neighbors and I have complained about our obstructed views for years as the golf course and surrounding trees have grown so tall and wide that we our sight lines to the strip and city are occluded. Fortunately, the bark beetle has helped and a few trees have recently been removed. With all that said, my point is that this issue isn’t isolated to Sierra Heights; it is everyone’s problem in the end.

On another note, after we met with board members and brought ideas to the board to prohibit personal and association tree height to the roof lines (with the exception of palm trees, of course) the board said we could remove the trees blocking our views, but it would be at our expense. Of course, other residents surrounding the golf course were not interested in contributing money if their views were not obstructed. So the board’s solution died on the vine.

That is all. Thank you for letting me vent.

DAN SALERNO

MR EDITOR,

Great article again on that dispute

over there on Sierra Heights.

As stated in the last lines of your article it seems to me that the whole dispute lies on the assumption that topping the trees on Hallston would be harmful to them. Are we sure of that? Are we 100% sure? And harmful in what way if at all? To avoid a messy business of suits and countersuits the concerned residents of SH as well as the subHOA might consider topping those trees as a calculated risk. And maybe those trees don’t care about being topped or not. Experts have been wrong before.

I live on Sundial so I really care about my handicap and what’s going to happen to the Raiders.

Thank you.

DANIEL ARMAND

DEAR EDITOR,

I just read the article on the Sierra Heights tree saga in the January 2026 edition of SCS Life and have the following question:

What do the governing documents of sub-associations, in our community, say regarding who can plant trees or tall vegetation in the backyards of townhomes?

It is my understanding that neither the owner(s) nor a tenant of a townhome is allowed to plant or grow anything outside of the physical boundaries of the unit they occupy. I would appreciate any information you or your readers may provide regarding my inquiry.

Sincerely,

JON BROWN

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8:50 P.M. Flight Commander Pavlov Bolshoi aboard Soyuz Russian spacecraft: “Moscow, we have problem.”

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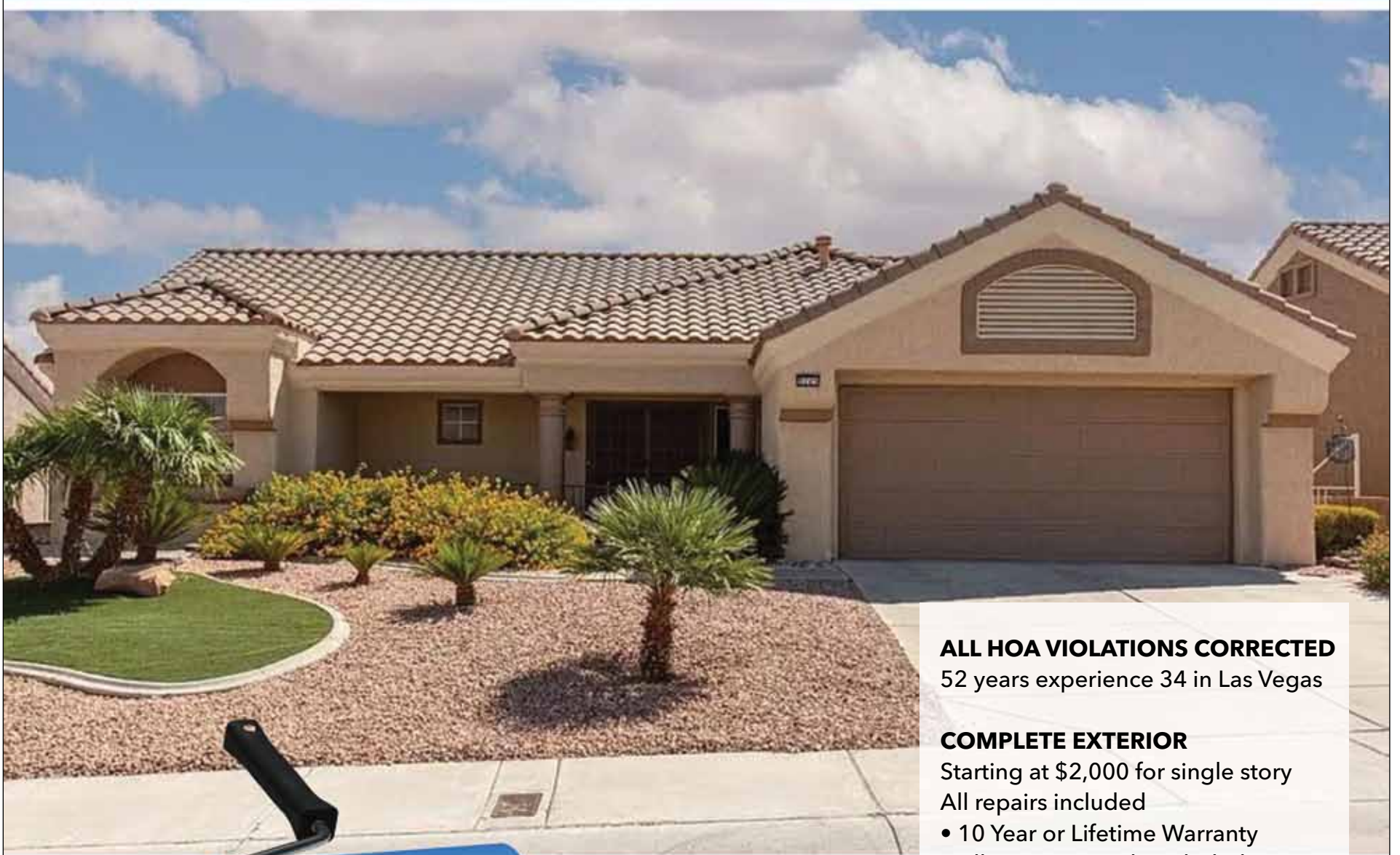
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