

SCS LIFE



Flock Cameras

More than a year later,
all 12 Flock cameras monitoring
vehicles traveling through
Sun City.

See page 4

Sun City Summerlin's Independent Monthly

SCSLife.net | January 2026

35 Years Ago

New Sun City residents voice
concern over possible
high voltage power lines.

See page 10

Happy New Year

John Wood takes a look
at New Year resolutions
entering 2026.

See page 15

Stagnant Sales

Real Estate Market
enters 2026 in doldrums.

See page 20

TREE TROUBLE

20 years later, the trees of Sierra Heights keep growing and
the battle with homeowners continues. Now a lawsuit looms
that could be even more costly. *See page 8*



PRRT STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
LAS VEGAS, NV
PERMIT NO. 707
EGRWSS

*****EGRWSSDDM****
POSTAL CUSTOMER



HOME REALTY CENTER

We work, live and play in Sun City Summerlin

702-252-7400

www.homerealtycenter.com

B.0066235



WE WILL PURCHASE YOUR AUTOMOBILE HASSLE FREE!

Seniors in Need of Transportation Foundation (SNTF) we pay more than the national companies do. Your vehicle will go to a senior that needs reliable transportation. We also purchase golf carts running or not, and have nice selection of pre-owned golf carts at wholesale prices, with a full warranty.



SNTF Executive Director Carol H purchasing a vehicle from Karen O that was her late husband's pride and joy!

We can help.

Do you need a golf cart for transportation to get to Smith's through the back gate, CVS, Walgreens, the banks and restaurants?

Want to volunteer?

Volunteering offers health benefits: Improves physical and mental health. Provides a sense of purpose and teaches valuable skills. Nurtures new and existing relationships. All of our volunteers are Sun City Residents.

Seniors in Need of Transportation Foundation (SNTF)

Not-for-profit organization, 501(c)(3)

702-439-7815
sntfinkind@gmail.com

9436 W. Lake Mead Blvd, Ste.5, Las Vegas, NV 89134

JJ interviewing
Doc on the
Morning
Blend Show.



Testimonials from our seniors and volunteers:

*"I volunteer two days a week, four hours each day, meet new people who see the glass half full, fun and exciting."
– Craig*

*"Just moved to SCS, shopped for new golf carts—which were more expensive than my first house. SNTF had a nice golf cart for the right price."
– Bob and Debbie*

*"Have nothing but good things to say about SNTF. I called their number and a live person answered the phone. Had a very warm and meaningful conversation."
– Kathleen*

Being a photographer was never supposed to be this easy

I like to kid our photographer, Jeff Scheid, about how easy his role is these days, thanks to the advent of digital photo technology and the fact most people already have a good camera inside their smart phones.

Things were a bit different when I got into the newspaper business back in the mid-70s and found out much to my surprise that in addition to becoming the sports editor of a weekly newspaper I was also the chief photographer.

I was fine with that, even with a paycheck for 20 hours a week that totaled \$38 after taxes. I always enjoyed taking photos, and saved up my paper route money at the age of 12 to buy one of those new fangled Kodak Instamatics with the cube flash on top.

The editor handed me a Minolta 101 single reflex lens camera and



TIM DAHLBERG
SCS LIFE
COMMENTARY

a few rolls of black-and-white Tri-X film. She showed me how to load it in the camera, then took me down the hall of the building where our office

was and opened the door of a converted closet that housed the paper's makeshift darkroom. The darkroom happened to be next to the doctor's office who treated the ladies of Mustang Ranch, but that's a story for another time.

I learned mostly by accident how to develop the film, then how to make prints on the enlarger. With

no Google or YouTube video to guide me, I figured it out by myself even if the early results weren't good enough to make the paper.

But I always liked going into the darkroom, even though it reeked of chemicals that probably shorten lives. To me, it was a magical place where images suddenly appeared on negatives and I tried to decide whether they were good enough to waste a piece of photo paper making a print.

Once I made a moody storm shot from the middle of a deserted highway outside of town with ominous clouds above that I talked the editor into making the entire front cover, unusual at the time. I also used the camera to sell my first free lance piece, too, a 3-page layout in Hot Rodder magazine that paid \$50, which was more than my weekly take home pay. And, of course, I

shot tons of high school football games from the sidelines.

Today? Well, Jeff still takes great photos, as evidenced by some of our SCS LIFE cover shots. But he and his wife (Jenny, who also writes for us) are on an extended trip to Europe, leaving me with the responsibility of coming up with something for this month's cover.

I've got the latest iPhone, which does things my old Minolta couldn't dream of, and does them fast. I learned enough 50 years ago to frame pictures and not shoot directly into the sun. And, luckily enough, I had a pretty photogenic group of people to shoot for this month's cover.

I call them the Sierra Heights 5. If they were a band, the photo

> See DAHLBERG, Page 6



REALTORS®
Alex & Susan
Greiner



SENIOR REAL ESTATE SPECIALISTS, SUN CITY RESIDENTS & REALTORS

Let us guide your home sale, rental or purchase

702-434-5550
www.TeamGreiner.com

S.0166944 & S.0166994

License plate cameras are up and active in Sun City

SCS LIFE

Be careful while driving in and out of Sun City Summerlin. Big Brother is watching.

A system of 12 cameras that track cars in and out of Sun City is now operable, giving Metropolitan Police another tool to use when chasing suspected criminals or investigating crimes in the community.

The cameras don't track speed or record driving infractions. Instead, they read license plates and other identifying information on vehicles that can be used to see when they come into Sun City and when they leave.

Sun City residents may have first noticed them being installed early last year. But it took nearly a full year for Flock Safety, a private company, to deploy all 12 cameras that police say are sufficient to monitor traffic in and out of the community.

SCSCAI Executive Director Mitzi Mills declined to say exactly where the cameras are located, saying she was told that the less information published on the location of the cam-

eras the more secure the community will be.

But they are easy to spot at major intersections entering and leaving Sun City on Rampart Boulevard and Lake Mead Boulevard. They are mounted on tall black poles with solar panels on top and signs that read: NOTICE 24/7 Video Recording.

Sun City entered into a contract with Flock in December 2024, agreeing to pay \$37,800 to pay for the cameras and another \$30,000 a year to monitor them. But, after cameras were installed quickly at the three main Sun City entrances, work on the project ground to a halt.

That effectively meant the cameras couldn't be used to spot cars that might be stolen or used in crimes if potential wrongdoers were alert enough to use other entrances to the community.

Mills put most of the blame for the delay on the City of Las Vegas, which must issue permits for cameras that are not on SCSCAI property. She acknowledged the installation had been a much longer process than anticipated.

Mills pushed the idea of the cameras, which will be linked directly to the Metro Police command center with a promise that no one other than police authorized to view them. Mills envisioned them as an alternative to a gated community that could help catch some thieves or others who are in SCS and might be wanted on charges somewhere.

Police say the cameras are a valu-



SCS LIFE photo

A pair of Flock cameras stand sentry at Hallston Drive and Lake Mead Boulevard to record the license plates and vehicle descriptions of cars going each way. The cameras are part of a dozen deployed at Sun City ingress/egress points to monitor possible criminal traffic through the community.

able tool for solving crimes, giving them the ability to identify suspicious vehicles after, say, a burglary in a Sun City neighborhood. Some communities have either taken their cameras down, though, or banned them because they were reportedly used to identify illegal residents.

Mills said she talked to police the last week of December and that they

reported the cameras were all up and running with no issues.

"The contract was for twelve, so everything is installed," she said in an email. "Hopefully, in the near future the city installs more outside of our community covering even more areas. We have covered all ingress and egress to our community from outside of the community."

Ballots expected in SCS mailboxes soon

SCS LIFE

Ballots will soon be in mailboxes across Sun City Summerlin, with seven candidates vying for four seats on the SCSCAI Board of Directors.

Then the wait will be on to see how

many residents actually cast votes. If recent votes are any indication, less than half will bother to mail their ballot in.

Of approximately 7,770 eligible homeowners, about a third actually cast ballots. Each homeowner gets

three votes, which can all be used on one candidate or split among candidates.

The top three vote getters will get three-year terms, while the fourth place finisher will get two years to replace a board member who resigned.

SCS LIFE

Sun City Summerlin's Independent Monthly

EDITOR

Eric Dahlberg

edahlbergmcin@gmail.com

775-316-2265

CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Breven Honda, Kayla Anderson, W.G. Ramirez,
Jenny Scheid

PHOTOGRAPHY

Jeff Scheid

ADVERTISING

Eric Dahlberg edahlbergmcin@gmail.com

Kirk Kern kirk@hyperlocalmedianv.com

SCS LIFE is published monthly and distributed to 7,950 homes and businesses in Sun City Summerlin.



Published by Battle Born Media, a Nevada LLC.

Member Nevada Press Association

2026 Candidate for Sun City Board of Directors



Larry Robbins

702-283-1022
LarryRobbinsSCS@gmail.com

Experience. Dedication. Community First.

Experienced, dedicated, and ready to serve you! With 15+ years on HOA boards—including president and vice president roles—and as a current member of the Architectural Review Committee and monitor of the Sun City Summerlin Owners (Del Webb Unofficial) Facebook page, I understand our community's needs. I promise to listen, act, and put residents first. Let's make Sun City Summerlin better together!

Vote Larry Robbins for SCSCA Board—Experience You Can Trust!

2026 Candidate for Sun City Board of Directors



Jeff Rorick

315-224-7114 | JAR0524@Live.Com

Retired CIO & VP of Regional Drug Chain on the East Coast. Current President of the Board and Chair of Golf Oversight. Past Chair of IT Committee and Fitness Committees. Current Member of CAP, Finance, and Investment Committees.

- ✓ Drive property values up by providing many amenities all maintained in excellent condition
- ✓ Continue the drive to provide 70% funding to reserve as strongly suggested by legal counsel
- ✓ We are ahead of schedule to our funding target thanks to the NORA Amendment which I strongly supported
- ✓ Continue the fight to return to recycled water for common areas and golf courses and equitable water rates
- ✓ Support the effort to develop Procedure Manuals for every department which will deliver many benefits

2026 Candidate for Sun City Board of Directors



Judy Williams

813-777-3416
judy.suncitybod@gmail.com

RE-ELECT JUDY WILLIAMS TO SUN CITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

My focus will be on maintaining appropriate reserves to support future needs, which in turn will enhance property values and the overall quality of life within our community.

I would appreciate your vote.

2026 Candidate for Sun City Board of Directors



James West, Esq.

310-503-9844
palatine.associates@gmail.com

*Palatine Associates LLC
First time Board Member*

I am a 30-year veteran of corporate law with more than 10 years on association boards nationwide.

My interest is in maintaining monthly fees while maximizing safety and services to our owners and residents.

As an attorney I will be focused on making sure our By Laws/CC&Rs are legally compliant, up to date and in accordance with current best practices for association management.

(Paid Candidate Ads)

Dahlberg

continued from Page 3

wouldn't be a bad album cover, either.

The older I get the more often I think I'm missing something that others might get. I'm not talking about things like fashion and music, though I'm horribly out of touch in those areas, but rather things that just don't seem to make sense to me no matter how often I add them up.

I got that feeling when I began tracking the progress of the Flock camera system, which is finally up and running in Sun City Summerlin a year after the community association signed a contract with the company. We've got a story inside this issue about the 12 cameras and how they're supposed to keep Sun

City safer by tracking vehicles going in and out of our community.

I went for a drive the other day to find them and, sure enough, they have been installed. I counted all 12 as I drove around Sun City, and I'm sure they dutifully took pictures of my car and license plates as I went by.

They're not cheap. Installation cost Sun City homeowners \$37,800 and there is an ongoing fee of \$30,000 a year to have them monitored. But they offer a feeling of security for residents, and they have signs that warn potential bad guys of 24/7 video recording.

SCSCAI Executive Director Mitzi Mills says they are operational and told me in an email that they cover "all ingress and egress to our community from outside of the community."

That's great, but I'm not so sure they do. While most major streets are covered, I know of at least two

entrances to Sun City that have no visible cameras or signs. Theoretically, criminals - if they were smart enough - could use those entrances to drive into the community and do bad deeds, and leave without ever being spotted by the Flock cameras.

Again, I may be missing something here. There may be a good reason those streets don't have cameras. All may be well in the Flock universe, though my efforts to get any information about the cameras from the company or the police have pretty much gone nowhere.

Take a drive and see for yourself. Find the ingress/egress streets without cameras and your next issue of SCS LIFE is on me (oh wait, it already is). Better yet, figure out why the cameras aren't there and I'll buy lunch at the Tavern at the Falls.

Because I hate it when I'm missing something.

I'm a big fan of history so one of my favorite things to do every month at SCS LIFE is put together the Look Back section, where we run news nuggets from the opening of Sun City Summerlin in 1988 through today.

I've learned a lot doing it, too, and I'm hoping our readers feel the same. Actually, I'm pretty sure they do because a number of them have told me it is one of their favorite features in our magazine.

One thing I learned this month was that the Sun City Summerlin Community Association wasn't always so hands-off when it comes to dealing with residents who allow their dogs to run off the leash on our greenbelts.

That, of course, has been a pet peeve of mine known by anyone who reads this column. Dogs off their leashes aren't just a nuisance but a danger to residents who are afraid they might get pushed off balance and fall if approached by a loose dog. For some, that could be a life changing event, and not for the good.

The association's response? Sorry, call Animal Control.

Anyway, while researching this month's Look Back I ran across an item in the Board of Directors minutes about two residents having to go before the Legal Review Committee in 2015 and be threatened with loss of community privileges for six months for refusing to keep their dogs on leashes. The minutes reflected a proper ending, with the residents agreeing to keep their pets controlled, and no further action was taken.

The next month there was a discussion among board members about making the outdoor path at Pinnacle a dog walking track at certain times of the day, an idea that went nowhere. More recently was the conceptual idea of a dog park, which was dropped quickly when everyone figured out there was nowhere to put it in Sun City.

Apparently they were barking up the wrong tree.

Finally, you might recall Sherman Frederick and me writing about Don Digilio, our editor when we were young pups at the Review-Journal. Don is 94 and in hospice but his son found out about the articles and we sent him copies of SCS LIFE.

"Thanks to you, the articles on Don were the highlight of our Christmas," he wrote us. "The 5 grandkids were so proud of him and he was beaming, almost brought to tears."

And one of our Sun City readers, Rita Brown, wrote to tell me about a possible story idea and her views on SCS LIFE.


"I look forward to the next issue of SCS LIFE," she wrote. "I enjoy straight shooting journalism. Everything these days is fraught with propaganda and deception."

Well Rita, here it is, January 2026. Enjoy!

Tim Dahlberg is the publisher of SCS LIFE. Write to him at timd@scslife.net


WHY GERBER LIFE MAY BE RIGHT FOR YOU

Gerber Life has been providing budget-friendly insurance to families for more than 50 years.



Since 1967, Gerber Life has been providing insurance designed to fit many needs and budgets so that children and adults can have greater financial protection. Our focus has been, and will always be, on protecting families like yours. [Top 5 Reasons to Buy from Gerber Life:](#)

- 1. Simple products that are easy to buy.** Our products are easy to understand so you'll know exactly what you're buying, and how the coverage can benefit you and your loved ones.
- 2. No confusing illustrations.** Unlike many of our competitors, our products are so simple, we don't need illustrations to explain them. Plus, our applications are short and easy to complete.
- 3. Simplified underwriting and quick decisions.** We offer simplified underwriting for certain whole life products and quick decisions within a minute (in many cases),² which can shorten the application process and help you obtain coverage quickly, if approved.
- 4. Guarantees.** The premiums, cash value and death benefit for our policies are guaranteed³ and our rates are designed to work with your budget. Plus, we offer a discount on rates when you pay using Automated Clearing House (ACH).
- 5. Guaranteed issue.**⁴ Gerber Life offers the ability to obtain a limited amount of life insurance without having to go through medical underwriting, which can help you obtain coverage quickly and easily.




Call For Your Free Quote Today!

844-953-0268

LEAVEDOLLARS.COM

Scan here for more information



¹ A.M. Best is an independent reporting firm that rates insurance companies on financial stability, management and integrity. That was the 20th consecutive year we received an "A" rating. This rating is the third highest awarded out of 13 possible categories. The rating refers only to the overall financial status of the Company and is not a recommendation of the specific policy provisions, rates or practices of the Company.
² Gerber Life will search databases for prescription history, motor vehicle records and medical information (at the Medical Information Bureau - MIB) in order to provide an almost instant decision (within a minute) for most of the qualified digital and telephone applications submitted during normal business hours for certain whole life products.
³ Policy will remain in force, premiums are guaranteed not to increase, and the death benefit and cash value are guaranteed as long as payments are made on time and within the Grace Period specified in the policy. The cash value and death benefit will be reduced by any outstanding loans. The policy loan interest rate is 5%.
⁴ Guaranteed coverage for Guaranteed Life requires that applicant is a U.S. Citizen residing in the U.S. or permanent legal resident. Total limit of all combined Gerber Life Guaranteed Life policies is \$25,000.
⁵ Group vs. Term Life Insurance is Coverage Through Work Example? (2022), PolicyMe August 25, 2022.
⁶ 2022 Insurance Barometer Study, LIMRA and Life HappensSM, Gerber Life will not accept insurance applications for coverage submitted under a Power of Attorney or Guardianship on the proposed insured, except from the permanent legal guardians of children. Coverage and benefit amounts are subject to Gerber Life Insurance limits. Gerber Life Insurance is a trademark. Used under license from Societe des Produits Nestle S.A. and Gerber Products Company. Copyright © 2022 Gerber Life Insurance Company, White Plains, NY 10605. AGT-07201 (1/22)

NEON DIARY

A familiar face toils backstage at the Community Theatre Club

When “California Suite” hits the Sun City Summerlin Community Theatre stage next month, longtime performer Victoria Ochoa will be running the hotel.

Ochoa is making her directorial debut for the Feb. 21 and 22 performances, taking the reins of Neil Simon’s ensemble comedy about an event-filled weekend at a luxe hotel. She said she draws inspiration for the new role by “knowing how it feels to be directed from the standpoint of an actor.”

She also said she hopes to share her knowledge with others in the company because “a properly trained crew is invaluable to the outside directors we (typically) hire, and I wanted to take this time to train additional people to handle directing jobs in this club.”

For those looking for a suite deal, tickets for the Saturday night performance and Sunday matinee are \$20 and can be purchased at suncitysummerlin.com (each performance is listed separately).

LUNAR ROVERS: The upcoming SCS bus excursion to the Bellagio to take in its Lunar New Year floral art display understandably sold out quickly.

The Strip resort’s Conservatory and Botanical Gardens transform seasonally, and the Lunar New Year installation is one of the most anticipated themes. Plus, buses only have so many seats.

Aside from taking in the 14,000-square-foot display, here are some ways to make the most of the three-plus hours the Jan. 29



DOUG PUPPEL
NEON DIARY

self-guided tour offers (and you won’t need to set a land-speed record or dig too deep):

“One can have a splendid afternoon at Bellagio without gambling a penny,” says long-time gaming editor David McKee. “Take in the fountain show as you enter, then sit down and admire the Dale Chihuly glass sculptures in the lobby.”

McKee also suggests touring the Bellagio Gallery of Fine Arts, which he calls “one of the most munificent gestures to Las Vegas.”

Here’s a hack he mentioned for those who missed the bus: For the same \$140 that four individual bus tickets would cost, two couples could split a weekday afternoon luxury car ride to the Bellagio and back via ride share — on their own schedule. And “hack” works in multiple senses here — old-time slang for a taxi and modern shorthand for a clever tip that makes life a little easier.

GRIDIRON ACTION: The Summit is hosting its annual Super Bowl watch party, famed for its appetizer buffet. All of the burgers and franks will be barbecued fresh outside, promises Marvin Calorera, director of food and beverage for the Sun City Summerlin Community Association. Tickets were selling fast. Cost is \$30 and the festivities begin at 2 p.m. on Feb. 8.

Doug Puppel is a Las Vegas writer and model

Feel Better. Move Freely. Live Fully.

Safe, relaxing and drug-free, acupuncture in the comfort of your own home helps you keep doing the things you love—whether it’s golf, gardening or keeping up with the grandkids.



CALL OR TEXT TODAY!

702-213-4849

Dr. Karin Moeller
vegasmobileacu.com

With Vegas Mobile Acupuncture, Dr. Karin Moeller will help you with what matters most, staying active and independent. Acupuncture is a gentle, natural way to:

- ✓ Ease aches and pains from arthritis or past injuries
- ✓ Boost energy and improve sleep
- ✓ Support balance, mobility, and overall wellness

Stay Vibrant. Stay Moving. Stay You!

Experienced Bookkeeping & Accounting

LAS VEGAS, SUMMERLIN, HENDERSON AND SURROUNDING...



Judy Wu, CEO and Accountant

With more than 8 years of experience as an accountant, CFO, investor and small business owner. I can perform QuickBooks accounting for your business, prepare budgets and projections, meet with your bankers and investors to negotiate loans or additional investments in addition to other services as needed. My industry experience includes: law, medical, real estate, real estate development, professional services, food and retail, and more...

- ✓ Taxes - Individual
- ✓ Taxes - Corporate
- ✓ Taxes - LLC
- ✓ Trust Income Taxes
- ✓ Estate Income Taxes
- ✓ Bookkeeping Services
- ✓ Payroll
- ✓ Advisory Services

Call for Advisory, Accounting,
Bookkeeping and Tax Services!

C/T: 702-415-1545

C/T: 714-989-6622

Judy@AbleAccountingSolutions.com

Sierra Heights tree saga keeps growing

By Tim Dahlberg
SCS LIFE

Gordon Friedman was looking for a new home in Sun City Summerlin in 1996 when he came across a spot that seemed almost too good to be true. Sierra Heights was just a paved street with no homes in a unique location that offered golf views on one side and city views on the other.

Best of all, the lots were all for sale.

Friedman considered a golf course lot across the street but didn't want to deal with golf balls hitting his home. He and his wife then walked across the street and saw the view that quickly sold him.

"We actually stood at the edge of the cliff and went, this is much nicer," Friedman recalled. "So we picked the best lot we could find."

The elevated lot would be costly. Developer Del Webb Corp. wasn't technically selling views but the lot premiums said something else. For Friedman it was \$40,000, bringing the cost of his home to \$305,000.

As construction began, his salesperson would send him photos of the home. One featured a full on city view over the top of the townhomes on Hallston Street that sat about 20 feet beneath the back of his lot, with not a tree in sight.

Thirty years later, the trees are everywhere. Planted seemingly haphazardly in the common areas of the townhome community down below, it didn't take long for them to grow well above the back yard fence line above them.

Up until 2018 the forest of trees in the subassociation common area were trimmed and topped on a regular basis. Now they are trimmed, but not topped, because the subassociation overseeing Hallston Street decided it was bad for the trees and the townhome owners.

Now a group of Sierra Heights homeowners, having failed to get the Sun City Community Association to act on their behalf, is in what so far

has been an unsuccessful effort to get their views back. If a last ditch effort at mediation fails, they plan to sue both the subassociation and Sun City Summerlin Community Association Inc., something that could be expensive for all Sun City homeowners.

The dispute has already cost some Sierra Heights residents thousands of dollars. It also cost one notable resident, former Board of Directors President John Berthelsen, his position in the community. Sun City residents paid the legal fees to oust Berthelsen, a longtime resident of Sun City who also chose his home for the views.

Over the years some Sierra Heights residents have moved away. Others have died.

Meanwhile, the trees keep growing.

"People would walk into our house and as soon as they did would see the entire valley," Friedman said. "They would say, 'My God, look at the view.' They don't say that anymore."

Lori Ann Robinson didn't move into her Sierra Heights home until a few years ago, scooping up a corner lot home with trees starting to creep over the fence. She knew the view was partially blocked, but was told by the real estate agent that it was no problem.

Just tell the subassociation you need the trees trimmed and give them a little money, the agent said. They'll take care of it for you.

It wasn't until she talked to her new neighbor, Julie Bowen, that she found out she had bought her way into the middle of a tree dispute that had turned increasingly bitter after some 20 years. It pits a group of homeowners against a subassociation that has what they view as a recalcitrant president who upended

> See TREES, Page 9



DREAM VIEW DISAPPEARS FOR SUN CITY COUPLE

Bruce (above) and Linda Adams were looking for a change in lifestyle in 2016 after Linda was diagnosed with Parkinson's and the couple suddenly faced an uncertain future.

The couple lived on Darby Falls Drive in Sun City, where Bruce said they had spent a considerable amount of money fixing up the home. But they noticed a house on Sierra Heights Street for sale. The house had spectacular valley and Strip views and the Friedmans saw themselves enjoying the scenery from their backyard with family and friends in their later years.

They sold their Darby Falls home, then bought on Sierra Heights for \$530,000. They converted part of the front room into an office for Bruce, and put outdoor furniture on the slightly elevated view deck in back.

"We bought exclusively because of the view and we had a really spectacular city and mountain view," Bruce said. "It was very comforting to my wife. The view deck became kind of a focal point for entertainment, friends, family, fireworks, that sort of thing."

When buying, Bruce had noticed the trees creeping up from the townhomes on Hallston Street behind their home. But the real estate agent assured him the HOA down below would trim them on a regular basis. And for the first few years all it took was a payment to the landscaping company for the townhomes to trim the top of the trees so they would not block the view.

That came to an end in 2018 when the subassociation that covers the townhomes decided that while the trees would still be trimmed, they would not be topped. And soon the trees had grown taller than the fence that rises about 20 feet behind his home.

Now the view is mostly gone, though in the winter the Strip can be seen through the bare branches of the tallest trees.

"Now we've completely lost the city view," Bruce said. "We've got some of the downtown to the north but the south is gone."

Linda is now confined to a wheelchair and her Parkinson's has advanced to where she needs an aide nearly full time to help care for her. Bruce said he was counting on the value of his property holding steady to help pay for his wife's care, but now he estimates it is worth some \$200,000 less than it would be if it had the original view.

"My wife suffers from depression because of Parkinson's and the fact we no longer have that view I'm sure contributes to the depression," he said. "And losing the value of the property means it may be a lot more difficult to pay for that long term care three years from now or whatever. It seems like a small thing but it has caused a lot of problems and a lot of stress for us."

Trees

continued from Page 8

a longstanding policy to top trees in 2018.

"I was blindsided by it all," Robinson said. "Totally blindsided."

It's been eight years since the board of the Neighborhood Maintenance Association subassociation declared an end to tree topping, saying it would hurt the trees and serve no purpose other than to give Sierra Heights homeowners a view. Efforts by homeowners to get the master association, SCSCAI to do something ended in 2021 when the board of directors voted that since there was no violation of community standards there was nothing they could do.

"The Association's position is and has been, that SCSCAI cannot require owners or sub-associations to remove trees or top trees to provide views for other owners," SCSCAI Executive Director Mitzi Mills said in an email to SCS LIFE. "The only homes in SCSCAI who have purchased a view is those who back up to the golf course, and the extent of the view they are entitled to part of SCSCAI legal documents that all owners agreed to with the purchase of their home, no other areas are mentioned in the legal documents."

That position doesn't sit well with the Sierra Heights homeowners, eight of whom last year filed for mediation on the issue with the Nevada Real Estate Division. One mediation has ended with no action taken and the others are pending. If they go the same way, the Sierra Heights homeowners say they plan to file a lawsuit against both the master association and the subassociation that governs the Hallson Street townhomes as well as several hundred others nearby.

"The reason why they're fighting this tooth and nail is that this is not a unique situation," said Brian Berman, the attorney for the homeowners. "If we go to court and we win then that's a binding precedent that applies all over Summerlin, not just Sun City Sum-

"The Association's position is and has been, that SCSCAI cannot require owners or sub-associations to remove trees or top trees to provide views for other owners."

MITZI MILLS
SCSCAI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

merlin. They could have an enormous amount of liability."

Berman, who specializes in business litigation with a real estate emphasis and is the boyfriend of Lori Ann Robinson, put the blame for the impasse on Deborah Scofield, who took over as president of the Neighborhood Maintenance Association in 2018 and has battled back and forth with the homeowners. The NMA subassociation is the largest in Sun City, with 459 homes.

"The problem is Deborah Scofield, who has a personal vendetta against the ex-president of the HOA (John Berthelsen)," he told SCS LIFE. "When you cross the line into a personal vendetta, which is what this is, you've gone too far. This is petty personal revenge."

Reached by SCS LIFE, Scofield said she welcomed telling her side of the story. A few days later, though, she said she would not be talking because of the possibility of a lawsuit.

"This is not something that should play out in the 'court of public opinion,'" she said in an email. "It is strictly a legal matter and we just need to remain silent while others give misleading 'facts.' We will wait our turn in mediation or court."

Scofield did appear before the board of directors in August 2021 to question why Berthelsen was allowed to remain on the board if he was not going to follow the community's CC&R's. She also talked about the NMA suffering "property damage through criminal actions" and financial damages for having to respond to the tree issue.

Berthelsen last year was ousted

from two key SCSCAI committees because of his participation in the mediation process.

"I would like to know how much longer the board is going to pander to the disgruntled owners on Sierra Heights about their views and property values," Scofield told the board in 2021. "These are people who all refuse to accept they are not guaranteed a view and believe that somehow doubling their investment in 6 years or less is a financial catastrophe."

—

On a recent cool December day, five of the Sierra Heights homeowners gathered at Robinson's house to discuss their plight. A flocked Christmas tree decorated the front window, but it was the trees in back that had their attention.

Peeking through the branches were views of the Las Vegas Strip and the valley stretching almost 180 degrees. Come summer, with leaves on the trees, even that view will be gone.

The homeowners estimated that the average home value on their side of the street was \$200,000 less for those with blocked views than it would have been with unfettered views. Real estate agents say properties with views of the Las Vegas Strip are the most valuable in Sun City.

Berthelsen is planning to sell his house and move back to Wisconsin, saying he doesn't feel welcome anymore. The others say they are in it for the duration, and they would like reasonable people to come to reasonable decisions.

"Three or four people could get in a room and figure this out in 10 minutes and you'd think that would be the case," said Friedman, who is 80. "Outside of being stubborn I'm not sure why this couldn't be resolved much earlier. People retire after spending their whole life working and they don't want to engage in this type of activity anymore. For me, I just want to sit back and enjoy the rest of my life."

ARE YOU READY TO SAFEGUARD YOUR RETIREMENT?



Mark Cordner
Chartered Retirement
Planning Counselor

Learn how to create income that...

- ✓ You can't outlive
- ✓ That's tax advantaged
- ✓ And protected from risk

With Golden Years Financial, you can relax and enjoy your retirement with confidence, knowing your financial future is well planned.

Schedule a consultation today!



Serving Southern Nevada

Investment advisory services offered through Investment Advisor Representatives of Golden Years Financial, LLC. Insurance services offered through Cordner Financial Services, Inc., dba Golden Years Insurance Services. Golden Years Financial, LLC and Golden Years Insurance Services are independent entities and do not provide legal or tax advice. Be sure to consult with your own legal and tax advisors before taking any action that may have tax implications.

702-258-4455
GYFinancial.com

7201 W. Lake Mead Blvd., Ste. 120, Las Vegas NV 89128



35 YEARS AGO: New Sun City residents on edge about high voltage power lines

SCS LIFE

A number of new Sun City Summerlin residents are threatening legal action over alleged deceptive sales practices involving a high voltage set of electric lines at the 55-plus age restricted community that opened last year. The residents are complaining that when they bought their homes they were never told by developer Del Webb Corp. about the lines that will parallel the backyards of residents on the northern edge of the community off Cheyenne Avenue and Rampart. One couple said they were worried about possible cancer from the lines as well as them blocking out their views of the desert. They bought a home last year for \$120,000 and are also worried about falling property values.

• A group of Sun City RV owners are threatening to sue developer Del Webb Corp. over the failure to provide a storage area for their recreational vehicles. About 60 RV owners say that while they never were officially notified about plans for an RV storage area they bought their homes based on promises by the company and its sales people that one would be built. They said they now have to rent space at storage units far from the community.

• A new upgraded Silverton model was being offered for sale at \$248,775.

30 YEARS AGO

• Sun City residents

packed two meetings with the county assessor's office over new valuations that will raise their property taxes. Several hundred residents also formally appealed what they said were 22 percent increases in value of homes in the 55-plus senior community. The average Sun City home had been taxed at a \$110,450 valuation and now will be taxed at a \$138,110 value. That will raise the average property tax paid in the community from \$1,165 to \$1,458. Homeowners said the increase comes at a time when they are on fixed incomes and watching every penny.

• Developer Del Webb is offering 14 model homes in the second phase of the age-restricted Sun City Summerlin community, with homes available on prime golf course lots in the new phase. Sales representatives say they have immediate move-in homes as well as planned home sites that can be reserved. The community is now home to about 9,000 residents and will have some 14,000 residents at full build out.

• A 2-bedroom, 2 bath garden villa with greenbelt views was advertised at \$114,995.

25 YEARS AGO

• A Sun City woman is battling accusations over swatting a SCSCAI official with a rolled up newspaper, while two members of the association board have been hit with ethics viola-

tions over their handling of the incident. Lola Gottlieb was charged with physical abuse by the association in a case that by all measures has spiraled out of control over the period of a year. The dispute comes as the community is holding its annual elections and the two board members are up for re-election.

• Bob Cushman came to Sun City Summerlin in 1997 with the goal of enjoying retirement and having the fastest golf cart in the community. It led to a business opportunity as he joined Ivan's Golf Carts in Sun City as a part owner. Cushman, who also owns a company that developed the Power Play system to speed up carts, said Ivan's sells about 100 carts a year, with prices ranging from \$700 to \$14,000.

• A house on Villa Ridge Drive with golf and city views was listed for sale at \$399,900.

20 YEARS AGO

• The holiday season is over but the bells are still ringing in Sun City Summerlin. The Sun City Ringers are performing in a competition with nine other teams, including two from California, at Faith Lutheran High School. The Ringers were formed in 1992 as hundreds of new residents poured into Sun City looking for things to do. The nine Sun City performers ring 49 bells and perform at various events around the Las Vegas Valley.

• John Dingeldein turned 100 this month but the Sun City resident is not slacking off on his duties for the communities Security Patrol. The only difference is Dingeldein must now ride along with another driver, in this case an 84-year-old. The Security Patrol threw a 100th birthday party for Dingeldein, who has been active on patrols since 1993.

• A 2-bedroom home at 9225 Villa Ridge on the golf course was for rent at \$1,250 a month.

15 YEARS AGO

• Sun City residents soon may have some nearby places to gamble. The Board of Directors approved allowing the Templeton Gaming Committee to explore adding gaming machines at both the Summit and Tavern at the Falls.

• Sun City is in search of a new executive director after Ron Winkel was let go by the SCSCAI. There were 63 applicants for the vacant position, with nine of those being considered for the job and five called in for interviews with board members. Winkel was given a \$120,000 payout as per terms of his contract, though several residents wondered why there was a need for severance pay.

• The Board of Directors has tightened restrictions on garage sales in Sun City. After receiving complaints that residents were holding unauthorized garage sales, the board voted for one community wide garage sale a

year to be held at Mountain Shadows Community Center. Garage sales for those moving or following a death were trimmed to one day from two, and only with permits.

• A 1,585 square foot home on the golf course with designer furniture included was for sale at \$289,800.

10 YEARS AGO

• Two complaints about dogs running off their leashes were heard by the Legal Services committee. The committee voted to take no action as long as no further complaints were issued against owners of the dogs in the next six months.

• A golf cart that went into a lake was paid off by the insurance company. Now Sun City will auction off the soggy cart to see if more money can be recovered.

• Director of Golf Donny Long has been authorized to implement dynamic pricing at Highland Falls Golf Course. The Board of Directors voted to pay \$999 a month to a company to run the program, which could be expanded to Palm Valley and Eagle Crest if successful.

• A 3,786 square foot former model with casita and golf course and city views at 3120 Highland Falls Drive was for sale at \$999,850.

5 YEARS AGO

• The new Covid vaccines will be given to residents in

> See HISTORY, Page 11

History

continued from Page 10

Sun City this month. The Las Vegas Fire Department also wants Sun City to become a vaccination center over the next few months. Originally only residents 70 years or older were eligible for the vaccines but they will be given to any Sun City resident who asks.

- The Board of Directors has sent to legal counsel the issue of trees on Hallston Street that homeowners on Sierra Heights Drive want trimmed down. Nearly two dozen homeowners are seeking relief, saying the trees block their views of the Las Vegas Valley. Executive Director Mitzi Mills said she was not comfortable giving guidance on the issue until attorneys weighed in. At issue is the refusal of the sub association of the townhomes on Hallstone to trim the trees to allow views.

3 YEARS AGO

- Card and game players at Mountain Shadows may soon have a coffee machine to brighten their playing hours. The Board of Directors approved looking into the cost of a machine that uses coffee pods for the facility. That followed a survey taken of participants who said they would welcome a coffee maker.

- Five members of the Beading and Jewelry Club will be reimbursed

for items stolen during a burglary at Mountain Shadows Community Center. The items were taken from a display case at the center and totaled \$3,414. Since the amount is below the deductible on the SCSCAI insurance, it will be paid out of general funds.

1 YEAR AGO

- The fate of a proposed increase in the fee paid by new homeowners in Sun City is in limbo after a third round of voting failed to gain the majority required. The campaign to raise the NORA fee paid by new homebuyers in Sun City about \$3,000 a month was popular at first, with the initial wave of balloting showing homeowners 7-1 in favor. But the change to SCSCAI bylaws requires a two-thirds majority of all 7,781 homeowners and not enough people voted to reach that figure.

- Four candidates are vying for three slots on the Board of Directors. Ballots will go out soon and then the wait will be on to see how many residents voted. Last year there were 7,770 eligible homeowners but only 2,640 returned ballots. Homeowners get three votes, which can all be used on one candidate or split among candidates. Three of the four candidates, Dick Clark, John Berthelsen and Joe O'Connell, are former board presidents while a fourth, Steve Douglass, served as chief of the SCS Patrol the last two years.

OUR RESIDENTS



Donald Martino stands on the sixth tee at Palm Valley Golf Course waiting for his turn to hit. Martino is a loyal SCS LIFE reader at the age of 90 despite being blind in his right eye from strokes. "I read it cover to cover, top to bottom," he says. The 90-year-old doesn't miss too many good days on the golf course, where his long game is still surprisingly good. Martino, who for a number of years owned a tavern in Chicago, said he first played in 1953 on a course where O'Hare Field is now. (SCS LIFE Photo)

INCOME TAX TIME IS HERE AGAIN!



Have your taxes done electronically in Sun City by resident Donald Barsky. I am a retired CPA and a registered tax preparer with the IRS.

My PTIN is P00273826.

When you have your tax information call me for an appointment.

You will find my rates very competitive.

702-360-9971

Santina's
new YORK
Pizzeria



10% OFF

For Sun City Residents
On full priced items all day every day.

Great Pizza
Amazing Service
Beer, Wine & Cocktails
Daily Lunch Specials

702-233-1800

SantinasPizzeria.com



9430 W Lake Mead Blvd. Ste. 9, Las Vegas

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

DEAR EDITOR,

I wanted to comment about the loose dog situation in Sun City. My husband plays softball on one of the SCS teams and during last year's season, I went to watch his game and then do a couple of laps around the walking path.

Ending the second lap, I noticed a female walking her very large dog, not sure of the breed, but not small and not friendly looking, on a leash. She was on the sidewalk above the ball field and then entered the grassy area next to the ball field, and for some reason, unleashed the dog and let it run.

I was coming around on my walk, the dog made a mad dash to me and I just froze in fear. The dog started furiously barking and as she yelled at the dog, it continued until she approached and calmed him or her down. I started yelling at her telling her that the dog should be on a leash and it terrified me, that I had been bitten by a dog when I was a young child and continue to have a fear of large dogs. She apologized at this time.

Shortly after, I spoke to my husband at the dugout and one of his teammates who had observed the interaction, said that this lady is continually letting the dog run loose on this patch of grass next to the ball field.

When I arrived home, I called the Community Standards office, who was not helpful and said there was nothing they can do. Bla bla....just FYI, keep up the great reporting, enjoy your column.

COLEEN NORBURN

SCS RESIDENT OF 10 YEARS



A full service salon

COLOR, CUTS, PERMS, FACIALS, WAXING

We love walk ins!

702-933-0576

9931 W Charleston Blvd, Las Vegas

FB [suiteonesummerlin](#)
IG [@suiteone1](#)



COMMENTARY

We made it to 2026!

Congratulations, Sun City Summerlin peeps. We've made it into the second quarter of 21st century. Who'da thunk it!

We grew up with B&W televisions, three lousy teevee networks, and navigated through high school and most of our lives without a mind-sucking cell phone.

And, as this is something I know a bit about, we've lived long enough to witness the end of news consumption as we, and our parents, knew it.

Home delivery of a good daily newspaper is almost a relic of the past. If we subscribe, we do so online.

Teevee news — broadcast and cable — is on bended knee. The average age of a cable news watcher today is — wait for it — 70. In other words, it's us and hardly anybody else.

When former Fox News host Bill O'Reilly left his show in 2017, he averaged 725,000 viewers between the ages of 25-54. Today, FNC averages 285,000. And that's not for any of FNC's news and commentary shows, but for Gutfeld, a late-night comedy talk show.

CNN only has one show that tops 100,000 in that age bracket. No wonder no one cares whether CNN gets sold or not.

As we start the New Year, it's clear we are on the back side of a sea change in the news business. Even the most prestigious broadcast news station of our era — CBS News — sees the writing on the wall. It has hired 41-year-old Bari Weiss to remake its news division. I wish her much success, but I also wonder if she's been assigned a Sisyphean task.

When I ran Nevada's "largest and most complete" newspaper (the Las Vegas Review-Journal), I held a skull session at Mt. Charleston at the turn of the last century with department heads. We noodled the idea of giving every subscriber a proprietary electronic device that we could then download news to subscribers 24/7.



SHERMAN R. FREDERICK
COMMENTARY

Instead of firing up our big ol' presses each night and sending thousands of people out delivering the newspaper to doorsteps, we'd simply press a button in the

newsroom and send the paper to those devices. We could also update the paper as the news warranted.

We didn't pull the trigger on that idea for one simple reason: At the time, the R-J was perhaps the most successful newspaper in America. To tear up that model while Las Vegas was still in its "blow & go" years would have been nuts. And, as I look back on how things have evolved in the news business, I'm not sure it would have carried the day anyway.

I'll have to put that in the woulda-coulda-shoulda memory bank.

For now, it's a brave new world for news consumption. We're probably the last age group who will run our race watching cable news and reading in print a legacy newspaper.

For our grandchildren, they'll grow up not knowing what it was to use both hands to read newspapers like the New York Times, the Chicago Tribune, or the Los Angeles Times. Twentysomethings are more in sync with individuals who possess a specific expertise — sports, music, travel — than in institutions.

They won't be herded into a scheduled broadcast. They'll watch a podcast or clips of a podcast. It remains to be seen if that will be enough to carry this grand experiment of a Republic for another 250 years.

I hope it does.

(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.)

SCS BRIEFS

COURSES PROFITABLE, NOT FOR LONG

Sun City's golf courses were profitable in both October and November, thanks largely to favorable weather conditions that drew golfers to play.

After a strong October, the three courses brought in \$609,456 in November, which was more than the \$544,323 budgeted for. While revenues were up, course expenses totaled \$482,630

Fiscal results were aided by an accounting change that took \$53,604 for the month that previously had been allocated to golf course maintenance to community maintenance. That reflects landscape services for areas between the golf courses and adjoining homes.

While the golf courses were in the black for two prime golfing months, they won't be by the time the fiscal year ends next June 30. The courses

are expected to run an annual operating deficit of about \$2.3 million, a figure that does not include capital expenses for the courses.

Total golf play has been strong in recent months, with 46,044 rounds from July 1-Nov. 30. That compares to 42,154 for the same period a month ago.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB DISBANDING

While a proposed new genealogy club in Sun City is drawing big interest, a couple of other chartered clubs have stopped operating.

The Photography Club voted in November to disband, while the Super Solos club reported it would close down after finding no one to act as officers.

Club closures are not unusual in Sun City, reflecting changing tastes and times.

CAREERS

Did you have, or still have, a career that might be interesting to Sun City Summerlin readers?

Perhaps you know somebody in SCS who has a career story they would like to tell? SCS LIFE wants to tell your story, or that of your neighbor. Send us a paragraph or two with your information and you might make our next edition! *Oh, and don't be afraid to nominate yourself!*

SCS LIFE

Sun City Summerlin's Independent Monthly

Tell us about yours!

Send to: news@scslife.net

with subject line: Careers

SAME DAY GARAGE DOOR REPAIRS!

OPEN WEEKENDS | OFFICE HOURS: 7 A.M. - 9 P.M.

702-930-5515

FREE
Estimates!



LIC #0087802

Scan or call to schedule
Expires 9/17/2025

**FAMILY OWNED
& OPERATED**

Tape coupon next to your garage door button



\$49 LUBE & TUNE

Plus 31 point safety inspection,
lubrication, tightening and adjustment.
TRIP CHARGE INCLUDED.

With coupon. Not valid with other offers. May not be combined with other offers. Coupon must be presented during time of service.

\$99 OFF ANY GARAGE DOOR REPAIR

Discount may not exceed 20% of total repair.

With coupon only. May not be combined with other offers. Coupon must be presented during time of service.

\$500 OFF NEW DOOR/ MOTOR COMBO

or \$300 OFF
New Door Only

ON THE COVER...

Sierra Heights homeowners gather in the backyard of one of the homes where trees block the view. From left, Bruce Adams, Diane Hanley, Gordon Friedman, Lori Ann Robinson and Julie Bowen. (SCS LIFE Photo/Tim Dahlberg)



Dr. Rae F. Kelly

702-870-9200

MAJOR INSURANCES ACCEPTED - CULINARY PROVIDER

- Chiropractic
- Structural Rehab
- Laser Pain Management
- Auto, Sports, Work Injuries
- Pro-Sport Physician
- NAET Allergy Elimination

1405 S. Arville, Ste. 102 | Las Vegas, NV | dockelly.com

Join our team

Do you enjoy talking to people? Like to sell a great product? Looking to add to your income? We may have a spot for you. SCS LIFE is looking for an ad sales person for our monthly publication. This is a part-time, commission only position selling ads for the only independent publication delivered to all 7,800 homes in Sun City Summerlin every month. Work at your own pace with great people in a low stress environment.



SCS LIFE

Sun City Summerlin's Independent Monthly

Contact Eric Dahlberg at

775-316-2265

edahlbergmcin@gmail.com

Older Americans are quitting weight-loss drugs in droves

By Paula Span
KFF Health News

Year after year, Mary Bucklew strategized with a nurse practitioner about losing weight. “We tried exercise,” like walking 35 minutes a day, she recalled. “And 39,000 different diets.”

But 5 pounds would come off and then invariably reappear, said Bucklew, 75, a public transit retiree in Ocean View, Delaware. Nothing seemed to make much difference — until 2023, when her body mass index slightly exceeded 40, the threshold for severe obesity.

“There’s this new drug I’d like you to try, if your insurance will pay for it,” the nurse practitioner advised. She was talking about Ozempic.

Medicare covered it for treating Type 2 diabetes but not for weight loss, and it cost more than \$1,000 a month out-of-pocket. But to Bucklew’s surprise, her Medicare Advantage plan covered it even though she wasn’t diabetic, charging just a \$25 monthly copay.

Pizza, pasta, and red wine suddenly became unappealing. The drug “changed what I wanted to eat,” she said. As 25 pounds slid away over six months, she felt less tired and found herself walking and biking more.

Then her Medicare plan notified her that it would no longer cover the drug. Calls and letters from her health care team, arguing that Ozempic was necessary for her health, had no effect.

With coverage denied, Bucklew became part of an unsettlingly large group: older adults who begin taking GLP-1s and related drugs — highly effective for diabetes, obesity, and several other serious health prob-

lems — and then stop taking them within months.

That usually means regaining weight and losing the associated health benefits, including lower blood pressure, cholesterol, and A1c, a measure of blood sugar levels over time.

Widely portrayed as wonder drugs, semaglutide (Ozempic, Wegovy, Rybelsus), tirzepatide (Zepbound, Mounjaro), and related medications have transformed the treatment of diabetes and obesity.

The FDA has approved several GLP-1s for additional uses, too — including to treat kidney disease and sleep apnea, and prevent heart attacks and strokes.

“They’re being studied for every purpose you can conceive of,” said Timothy Anderson, a health services researcher at the University of Pittsburgh and author of a recent JAMA Internal Medicine editorial about anti-obesity medications.

(Drug trials have found no impact on dementia, however.)

People 65 and older represent prime targets for such medications. “The prevalence of obesity hovers around 40%” in older adults, as measured by body mass index, said John Batsis, a geriatrician and obesity specialist at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine.

The proportion of people with Type 2 diabetes rises with age, too, to nearly 30% at age 65 and older. Yet a recent JAMA Cardiology study found that among Americans 65 and up with diabetes, about 60% discontinued semaglutide within a year.

Another study of 125,474 people with obesity or who are overweight

> See DRUGS, Page 17

“Can’t Fail” New Year Resolutions

Hey folks, it’s the new year again! The time when we make resolutions that, based on the ones we set last year, will likely go in one year and out the other. Four thousand years ago the Babylonians started this odd tradition by promising their gods that they absolutely, positively would pay off all their debts and return every borrowed item during the coming year. The fact that their mighty civilization no longer exists demonstrates that fulfilling such pledges have about the same chance of happening as a female praying mantis promising her male suitor that she absolutely, positively won’t eat his head after mating. But guess what, guys? Most of those males finish the task AFTER losing their heads! YEAHH! (Just don’t brag about this to gals, who will immediately remind you of how many tasks you took on last year without using any brain matter.)

But I digress.

What’s the secret to making a successful resolution? Be specific and set smaller goals rather than a single monumental yearly objective such as “Scour my 899-page car manual to find which tiny cubbyhole in the undercarriage I may have put the chihuahua.” Or instead of “Lose weight,” try “Walk for thirty minutes three times a week to the donut store.” Or “Promise your next-door neighbor that yes, you can see into their bedroom from your new treehouse, but you never look inside because you already know what your ex looks like.”

“CAN’T FAIL” RESOLUTIONS FOR 2026

- Don’t repeat last year’s resolutions.
- Get a new set of golf clubs for your spouse. It’s a fair trade.
- If you had a lot on your plate last year, lose the weight you put on.
- Resolve to be more patient as fast as possible.
- Visit the Grand Canyon. It’s gorges.
- Save water. Don’t bathe.



JOHN WOOD
HUMOR

ination.

- Read more. Turn on TV subtitles.
- Don’t attend funerals before 10 a.m. if you’re not a mourning person.
- Take up a hobby when you have the time such as procrastination.
- When all your friends get tired of your same old jokes, make new friends.
- Hire a detective to find all the things that disappeared from your house last year: laundry socks, TV remotes, eyeglasses, keys, and spouse.
- Teach your body to make fewer sounds when you stand up.
- Don’t make any resolutions; it’s this year’s turn to be better.

HISTORICAL RESOLUTIONS THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN MADE

- “Check the weather first” (Napoleon, the Spanish Armada).
- “We’ve won. Cancel the last debate.” (Joe Biden)
- “No more cake.” (Marie Antoinette)
- “Tell Mary I’ve seen enough plays.” (Abraham Lincoln)
- “Always count your adversaries before a battle.” (George Armstrong Custer)
- “Don’t forget to give Brutus a nice birthday present.” (Julius Caesar)
- “Never tape Oval Office conversations unless they’ll secure my place in history.” (Richard Nixon)
- “Always bring more gas than needed.” (Amelia Earhart)
- “Try not to spill Rice on my lap during the campaign.” (Gary Hart)
- “Passengers always want to see icebergs up close. Ignore them.” (Titanic captain Edward John Smith)
- “Reduce errors, particularly those by my shaft.” (Tiger Woods)

SCS resident John Wood is the author of *How I Killed Off My Ex-wife and Other Far-flung Misadventures*

Year Round Pest Protection to Keep Your Home Bug Free

PEST CONTROL DESIGNED FOR YOUR SUN CITY HOME OR BUSINESS

Pick your Plan:

- Bi-Monthly (Every 2 months)
- Quarterly (Every 3 months)

Both include full exterior treatment, property perimeter and Interior treatment if requested.

\$50 OFF
First Service



Vantage
Pest Control

Call or Text for Pricing

702-827-4752



Termite Inspections . Pigeons . Scorpions . Cockroaches . Ants . Crickets . Bed Bugs . Silverfish . Rats & Mice



Pastor Dan Newburn

Sunday

Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.

Tuesday

Prayer Meeting 1 p.m.
Bible Study 1:30 p.m.

Friday

Ladies Bible Study 10 a.m.

Sun City Community Church

A congregation of people from a diversity of backgrounds and professions, coming together to exercise ministry as a church family. Our church is a living, growing organization with its members constantly changing.

If you are looking for a place where you can make friendships with others who want their lives to count, while investing yourself in eternal things, and if you are looking for a place where you are significant, where you are loved, where you can grow, where your talents and abilities can be put to work for Jesus, then Welcome to Sun City Community Church.

It is our desire and purpose to reach the hearts of people in our community, bringing fresh hope, encouragement, and joy through Biblical preaching and teaching for continued spiritual growth.

We want the REST of your life to be the BEST of your life!

8560 Del Webb Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89134 | 702-255-7729



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

FRAUD / IDENTITY THEFT

12-18 7:44 a.m. 2300 Block Barbers Point Place

FRAUD / SWINDLE

12-19 5:15 a.m. 2400 Block Dove Valley Court

BURGLARY / BREAKING AND ENTERING

12-8 1:40 a.m. 11000 Block Glacier View Avenue

COUNTERFEITING / FORGERY

12-13 7:15 a.m. 2500 Block Lotus Hill Drive

LARCENY / THEFT

12-1 5:57 a.m. 9100 Block Garden View Drive

VANDALISM / DESTRUCTION PROPERTY

12-10 7:26 a.m. 3100 Block Good Hope Court

THEFT / PICK POCKET

12-4 6:09 a.m. 8500 Block Del Webb Boulevard

SOURCE: LVMPD Open Data Portal

YOUR HEALTH

Toni Says: Can't qualify for a long-term care plan due to health issues ... What do I do?

Morning, Toni:

Recently, you wrote a Medicare column about various life policies available after 65, and I have a retirement insurance question.

In June, I'm retiring when I turn 70 and my wife, Anna, will be 68. Our retirement insurance issue is that recently we applied for a long-term care plan and were both denied due to our health issues. I had my prostate removed due to cancer about 5 years with no current issues and Anna has AFib that is under control. The agent writing the long-term care plan said that those past 60 years old find it difficult being accepted by an LTC plan due to health issues like we have.

My brothers and I are paying an Alzheimer's assisted living facility more than \$12,000 a month for our father's care. Are there long-term care options available for Anna and me with our health issues? Paying \$12,000 a month will drain our retirement.

Thanks,
Paul from Tulsa, Okla.

Hi Paul:

I'm glad that my article about life insurance plans past 65 caught your attention and you took the time to email me about your long-term care situation. New short-term care plans that have extended care benefits have been developed, assisting baby boomers when there is a need for extra help with unexpected health or accident issues.

Page 56 of the 2026 Medicare & You handbook, under "Paying for long-term care," discusses how important it is to plan properly to maintain your independence and receive the proper care in the facility



TONI KING
HEALTH

you desire. Medicare only pays for medically necessary skilled nursing facility care or for home health care if you meet certain conditions. Skilled nursing facility

care, discussed on page 29 of the handbook, has 100 days of benefit. Days 1-20 have a \$0 copay per day after you pay the Part A deductible, which is \$1,736 per benefit period for 2026. Days 21-100 have a copay per day of \$217 in 2026. If you cannot qualify or do not meet Medicare's qualifications for skilled nursing, you will pay 100% of the cost out of your pocket. Medicare doesn't cover nonmedical long-term care. This is why purchasing a policy to help with a long-term need becomes essential.

Let's discuss three options that can help to protect your finances from excessive long-term care costs, especially if you have health issues that keep you from being accepted by a long-term care plan.

Short-term care insurance plans have a simple health questionnaire with yes/no questions, making it easier to qualify. These policies will assist in paying for a nursing home, assisted living and hospice care, with extra benefits for care in your house. Various options are available, with coverage ranging from \$50-\$400 per day and benefit periods ranging from one to two years depending on plans, allowing one not to drain retirement dollars due to recovery from a fall or serious illness.

Life and Annuity Policies are

> See TONI, Page 19

Drugs

continued from Page 14

found that almost 47% of those with Type 2 diabetes and nearly 65% of those without diabetes stopped taking GLP-1s within a year — a high rate, said Ezekiel Emanuel, a health services researcher at the University of Pennsylvania and senior author of the study.

Patients 65 and older were 20% to 30% more likely than younger ones to discontinue the drugs and less likely to return to them.

What explains this pattern? As many as 20% of patients may experience gastrointestinal problems. “Nausea, sometimes vomiting, bloating, diarrhea,” Anderson said, ticking off the most common side effects.

Linda Burghardt, a researcher in Great Neck, New York, started taking Wegovy because her doctor thought it might reduce arthritis pain in her knees and hips. “It was an experiment,” said Burghardt, 79, who couldn’t walk far and had stopped playing pickleball.

Within a month, she suffered several bouts of stomach upset that “went on for hours,” she said. “I was crying on the bathroom floor.” She stopped the drug.

Some patients find that medication-induced weight loss lessens rather than improves fitness, because another side effect is muscle loss.

Several trials have reported that 35% to 45% of GLP-1 weight loss is not fat, but “lean mass” including muscle and bone.

Bill Colbert’s cherished hobby for 50 years, reenacting medieval combat, involves “putting on 90 pounds of steel-plate armor and fighting with broadswords.” A retired computer systems analyst in Churchill, Pennsylvania, he started on Mounjaro, successfully lowered his blood glucose, and lost 18 pounds in two months.

But “you could almost see the muscles melting away,” he recalled. Feeling too weak to fight well at age 78, he also discontinued the drug and now relies on other diabetes medications.

“During the aging process, we begin to lose muscle,” typically half a percent to 1% of muscle weight per year, said Zhenqi Liu, an endocrinologist at the University of Virginia who studies the effects of weight loss drugs. “For people on these medications, the process is much more accelerated.”

Losing muscle can lead to frailty, falls, and fractures, so doctors advise GLP-1 users to exercise, including strength training, and to eat enough protein.

The high rate of GLP-1 discontinuation may also reflect shortages; from 2022 to 2024, these drugs temporarily became hard to find. Further, patients may not grasp that they will most likely need the medications indefinitely, even after they meet their

blood glucose or weight goals.

Re-initiating treatment involves its own hazards, Batsis cautioned. “If weight goes up and down, up and down, metabolically it sets people up for functional decline down the road.”

Of course, in considering why patients discontinue, “a large part of it is money,” Emanuel said. “Expensive drugs, not necessarily covered” by insurers. Indeed, in a Cleveland Clinic study of patients who discontinued semaglutide or tirzepatide, nearly half cited cost or insurance issues as the reason.

Some moderation in price has already occurred. The Biden administration capped out-of-pocket payments for all prescriptions that a Medicare beneficiary receives (\$2,100 is the 2026 limit), and authorized annual price negotiations with manufacturers.

The reductions include Ozempic, Wegovy, and Rybelsus, though not until 2027. Medicare Part D drug plans will then pay \$274, and since most beneficiaries pay 25% in coinsurance, their out-of-pocket monthly cost will sink to \$68.50.

Perhaps even lower, if agreements announced in November between the Trump administration and drug-makers Eli Lilly and Novo Nordisk pan out.

The bigger question is whether Medicare will amend its original 2003 regulations, which prohibit Part D coverage for weight loss drugs.

“An archaic policy,” said Stacie Dusetzina, a health policy researcher at the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine.

The Trump administration’s November announcement would expand Medicare eligibility for GLP-1s and related medications to include obesity, perhaps as early as spring. But key details remain unclear, Dusetzina said.

Medicare should cover anti-obesity drugs, many doctors argue. Americans still tend to think that “diabetes is a disease and obesity is a personal problem,” Emanuel said. “Wrong. Obesity is a disease, and it reduces life span and compromises health.”

But given the expense to insurers, Dusetzina warned, “if you expand the indications and extent of coverage, you’ll see premiums go up.”

For older patients, often underrepresented in clinical trials, questions about GLP-1s remain. Might a lower maintenance dose stabilize their weight? Can doses be spaced out? Could nutritional counseling and physical therapy offset muscle loss?

Bucklew, whose coverage was denied, would still like to resume Ozempic. But because of a recent sleep apnea diagnosis, she now qualifies for Zepbound with a \$50 monthly copay.

She has seen no weight loss after three months. But as the dose increases, she said, “I’ll stay the course and give it a shot.”

Haircuts in Your Home by Diana

PROFESSIONAL
HAIRSTYLIST

40 Years of Satisfied Clients

760-574-6089

Sun City Resident



Tessa Sphar
REALTOR® | S.203388



Geoff Prickett
REALTOR® | S.201775

PR
THE PRICKETT GROUP
REAL ESTATE

kw THE MARKETPLACE
KELLERWILLIAMS REALTY
Equal Opportunity and Equal Housing Lender

702-758-4622

info@prickettgroup.com

FREE HOME VALUATIONS

PUZZLES

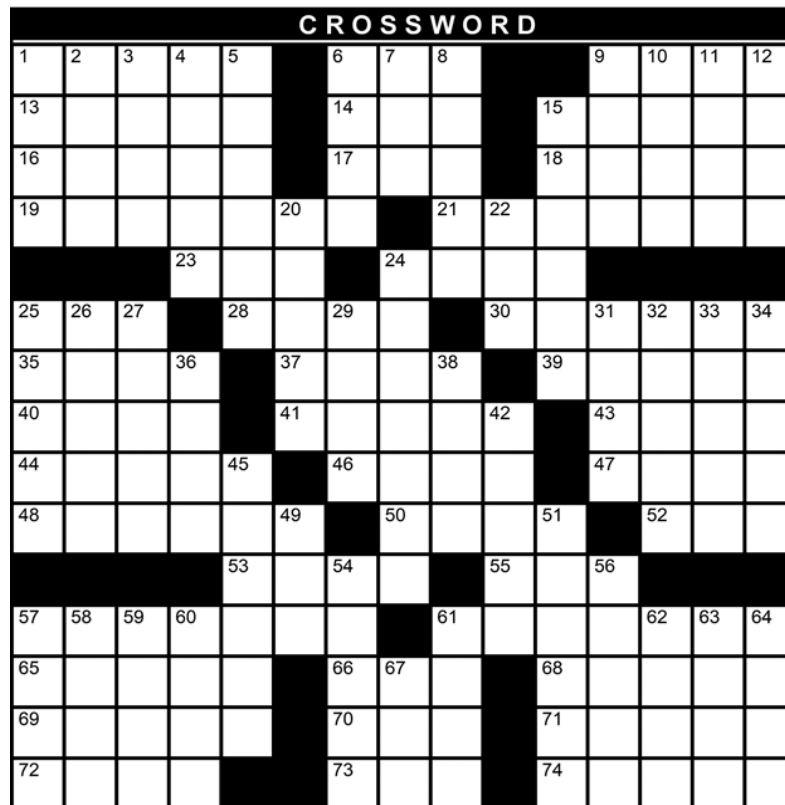
THEME: ON THE FARM

ACROSS

1. Laura Ingalls' notebook
6. Boozer
9. Biblical pronoun
13. Sacred text, to some
14. "Fat chance!"
15. Afrikaners' ancestors
16. Cake spread
17. Chowd down
18. Clear the blackboard
19. *Barn chore
21. *John Deere, e.g.
23. Nirvana's "Come as You"
24. Spasm of pain
25. Broadband access overseer, acr.
28. Mark for omission
30. Recessed space
35. "____ and the Real Girl," movie
37. "Shoot!"
39. E in baseball box score
40. Oil org.
41. Intelligent
43. A mixture or medley
44. Children's respiratory disease
46. Foggy view?
47. Politicians, for short
48. In a sympathetic manner
50. Ski hill ride
52. Maiden name indicator
53. Bald eagle's nest
55. Repeated Latin dance step
57. *a.k.a. harvester
61. *Opposite of pasture
65. *Common varieties are yellow, red and white
66. Tall tale
68. Smooth, in manner
69. Audience's approval
70. "____ at ease"
71. Stomach sore
72. Caribou or moose
73. Soldier's bed
74. Harsh

DOWN

1. *Separate cream from milk
2. Locus, pl.
3. Seed coat
4. Form of Japanese poetry
5. Encircle
6. Deep pile carpet





Off First Month of New Service!
USE PROMO CODE: GZ590

Consumer Cellular

CALL CONSUMER CELLULAR **888-804-0913**

© 2023 Consumer Cellular Inc. For promo details please call 888-804-0913

© StatePoint Media

7. *Cereal grass
8. Sorority letter
9. Cleopatra's necklace
10. Thermostat option
11. Guesstimate phrase (2 words)
12. Olympic cast-out, e.g.
15. Charles Darwin's vessel
20. Must-haves
22. Ribonucleic acid, acr.
24. Fine
25. *Group of chickens
26. Birthplace of Caprese
27. Oedipus' successor
29. *Baby sheep
31. * ____ rotation
32. Acrylic fiber
33. Bridal veil fabric
34. With a jagged margin
36. Gulf War missile
38. *Pasture-raised chicken's morsel
42. Vanish without this?
45. Lamentation
49. Japanese capital
51. Rh in Rh disease
54. Indiana Jones' find, e.g.
56. Not a minor
57. For boys and girls
58. Popular fairy-tale beginning
59. Stephen King's "The Green"
60. *Male pig
61. Abe Lincoln's hat material
62. Tatted cloth
63. Done
64. Seaside bird
67. UN labor grp.

SUDOKU

Call today and receive a
FREE SHOWER PACKAGE
PLUS \$1600 OFF

SAFE STEP WALK-IN TUB 1-855-576-5653

With purchase of a new Safe Step Walk-In Tub. Not applicable with any previous walk-in tub purchase. Offer available while supplies last. No cash value. Must present offer at time of purchase. CSLB 1082165. NSCB 0082909. 0083445

5				2			6	3
	8				7			
6			8		3	2		7
		1			4			
		3					7	
			9				5	
7		4	5		6			1
			7					5
1	3			4				9

© StatePoint Media

Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

N	R	E	T	S		L	O	C		R	E	E	D
R	C	L	U	L		L	I	L		T	V	L	E
E	R	A	V	E		S	U	A		I	N	O	I
T	O	L	O			F	E			N	I	B	O
E	E	N				B	A	R		T	B	A	R
S	O	P				R	U	R		B	L	U	P
O	L	I				O				S	M	A	R
R	O	R				E	R			D	A	R	S
E						C	O			L	A		
R	O	T				A	C	T		R	A		
S	E					E	R	A		S	E		
R	S					B	O			H	A		
U						T	H	O		S	O		

9	7	6	8	4	2	5	3	1
2	5	4	1	3	7	8	9	6
1	8	3	6	9	5	4	2	7
8	3	5	2	1	6	9	7	4
4	1	7	5	8	9	3	6	2
6	2	9	4	7	3	1	5	8
7	4	2	3	5	8	9	1	6
5	9	1	7	9	4	2	8	3
3	6	8	9	2	1	7	4	5

SAVVY SENIOR

How to find a quality nursing home for your loved one

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you give me some tips on picking a good nursing home for my father? Since his stroke, I've been taking care of him at home, but he's gotten to the point where it's too much for me to handle.

Exhausted Daughter

Dear Exhausted,

Choosing a nursing home for a loved one that provides quality is a very important decision that requires careful evaluation and some homework. Here are some steps you can take that can help you find a good facility and avoid a bad one.

Make a list: There are several sources you can turn to for referrals to top nursing homes in your area including the Area Agency on Aging (call 800-677-1116 or visit Eldercare.acl.gov for contact information); your dad's doctor or nearby hospital discharge planner; friends or neighbors who may have had a loved one in a nursing home; and online at Medicare's nursing home compare tool at Medicare.gov/care-compare. This tool will not only help you locate nursing homes in your area, it also provides a 5-star rating system on recent health inspections, staffing, quality of care, and overall rating.



JIM MILLER

Also, keep in mind that it's always best to choose a nursing home that's close to family members and friends who can visit often, because residents with frequent visitors usually get better care.

Call your long-term care ombudsman: This is a government official who investigates nursing home complaints and advocates for residents and their families. This person can tell you which nursing homes have had complaints or problems in the past and can help you locate a good facility. Visit LT-Combudsman.org for local contact information.

Contact the nursing homes: Once you've narrowed your search, call the nursing homes you're interested in to verify that they can facilitate your dad's needs. Also, find out if they have any vacancies, what they charge, and if they accept Medicaid.

Tour your top choices: During your nursing home visit, notice the cleanness and smell of the facility.



Is it homey and inviting? Does the staff seem responsive and kind to its residents? Additionally, be sure to taste the food, and talk to the residents and their family members, if available. It's also a good idea to visit several times at different times of the day and different days of the week to get a broader perspective.

And be sure to find out about their staff screening and training procedures, staff-to-patient ratio, and the staff turnover rate.

To help you rate your visit, Medicare offers a helpful checklist of questions to ask at Medicare.gov/media/document/12130nursing-home-checklist508.pdf that you can print and take with you on your visit.

PAYING FOR CARE

With nursing home costs now averaging \$324 per day nationally for a semi-private room and nearly \$371 for a private room, paying for

care is another area you may have questions about or need assistance with. Medicare only helps pay up to 100 days of rehabilitative nursing home care, which must occur after a hospital stay of at least three days.

Most nursing home residents pay for care from either personal savings, a long-term care insurance policy, or through Medicaid once their savings are depleted. Or, if your dad is a veteran, he may be able to get funds through the VA's Aid and Attendance benefit (see VA.gov/pension/aid-attendance-housebound).

To learn more about the payment options, ask the nursing home director. You can also get help from your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), which provides free counseling on all Medicare and Medicaid issues. To find a local SHIP counselor visit ShipHelp.org or call 877-839-2675.

And for more information, see Medicare's booklet "Your Guide to Choosing a Nursing Home" (product # 02174). You can view it online at Medicare.gov/Publications.

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

Toni

continued from Page 16

insurance policies that can have a provision allowing you to receive a certain amount of long-term care with your life/annuity policy's face amount. Health questions may keep one from qualifying.

Aid & Attendance Benefits is a VA program that can help veterans with

long-term care issues. Information on eligibility is available at www.va.gov/pension/aid-attendance-housebound/. You must have a long-term care issue to qualify.

Important: If you are under 60 and in good health, please make the time to apply for a traditional long-term care policy. This makes it easier to qualify and receive a lower premium, whether annual or monthly. Most Americans retiring are concerned about a chronic ill-

ness being their biggest retirement expense if not planned for properly.

If you have long-term care or Medicare questions, please feel free to reach out to the Toni Says Medicare team at 832-519-8664 or send an email to info@tonisays.com.

Toni's new course, a downloadable video series called the "Confused about Medicare Workshop," and the "Medicare Survival Guide Advanced" edition are available

at www.tonisays.com. Sign up for the Toni Says newsletter at www.tonisays.com to keep up to date on Medicare changes.

Toni King is an author and columnist on Medicare, Social Security and long-term care issues. She has spent nearly 30 years as a top sales leader in the field. If you have a Medicare question, email info@tonisays.com or call 832-519-8664. Sign up for the Toni Says newsletter at www.tonisays.com to keep up to date on Medicare changes.

SCS REAL ESTATE



SCS LIFE photo

A home on Button Willow Drive bears a For Sale sign and offers golf views of the 15th hole. Home sales have stalled in Sun City, prompting many to take their homes off the market.

Market cool down prompts some sellers to take homes off the market

SCS LIFE

Faced with a lack of buyers, a number of Sun City residents have taken their homes off the market, at least for now.

Only 39 homes were sold in Sun City Summerlin in December, prompting some potential home sellers to take their homes off the market in the hope that spring may bring better selling conditions.

At the beginning of the new year there were 148 homes for sale, down sharply from 186 at the beginning of December. As recently as September there were more than 200 homes for sale.

The 39 home sales closed in Sun City Summerlin in December were

down from 42 a month earlier. Contracts for sales dropped even more during the month.

Home sales inventory was down partly because of the seasonal slowdown but mostly because of seller fatigue.

Homes sold in December ranged from a 1,215 square foot Bristol model single family at 2009 Emery St for \$310,000 to \$806,000 for a 2,577 square foot Wendover model single family at 2624 Spalding Dr.

There were 148 homes for sale in Sun City Summerlin on January 1, ranging from a Franklin model townhouse at 9061 Gemstone Dr with 1,196 square feet for \$292,000 to \$1,475,000 for a 2,334 square foot Windsor model single family at 2104 Hot Oak Ridge St.

DECEMBER HOME SALES IN SUN CITY SUMMERLIN

- 2624 Spalding DR 2,577 SF \$806,000
- 9001 Marble DR 1,165 SF \$360,000
- 9329 Fresh Spring DR 1,599 SF \$390,000
- 10817 Heritage Hills DR 1,842 SF \$755,000
- 1904 Hot Oak Ridge ST 1,713 SF \$540,000
- 11017 Clear Meadows DR 1,165 SF \$359,000
- 10336 Frostburg LN 1,799 SF \$375,000
- 10309 Broom Hill DR 1,599 SF \$389,500
- 2913 Laverton DR 1,599 SF \$350,900
- 2725 Showcase DR 1,749 SF \$520,000
- 10737 Heritage Hills DR 2,176 SF \$590,000
- 2821 Tumble Brook DR 1,384 SF \$365,000
- 2516 Desert Sands DR 1,188 SF \$350,000
- 2601 Lotus Hill DR 1,179 SF \$405,000
- 3028 Isaac River DR 1,599 SF \$350,000
- 2908 Laverton DR 1,402 SF \$405,000
- 3025 Bonnie Rock DR 1,533 SF \$555,000
- 2413 Totem Pole CT 1,384 SF \$400,000
- 9525 Salem Hills CT 1,520 SF \$495,000
- 2621 Hanging Rock DR 1,703 SF \$410,000
- 8925 Litchfield AVE 1,359 SF \$370,000
- 9536 Ruby Hills DR 1,239 SF \$440,000
- 2343 Scotch Lake ST 1,250 SF \$320,000
- 2505 Rocky Plains DR 1,533 SF \$417,000
- 2712 Breakers Creek DR 1,533 SF \$400,000
- 8701 Millsboro DR 1,363 SF \$310,000
- 8901 Litchfield AVE 1,363 SF \$511,000
- 8808 Litchfield AVE 1,359 SF \$370,000
- 2009 Emery ST 1,215 SF \$310,000
- 11008 Summers End AVE 2,102 SF \$516,312
- 2725 Byron DR 1,402 SF \$420,000
- 9037 Starmount DR 2,115 SF \$725,000
- 2904 Castle Bar DR 1,653 SF \$580,000
- 3016 Cradle Mountain DR SF 1,384 \$410,000
- 9840 Kernville DR 1,384 SF \$370,000
- 8800 Villa Ridge DR 1,345 SF \$310,000
- 9000 Litchfield AVE 1,507 SF \$349,000
- 8513 Festival DR 1,384 SF \$478,000
- 2011 Sun Cliffs ST 1,664 SF \$395,000

Market statistics provided by Michael DelGais, Home Realty Center

2633 LEGEND DRIVE | 2,115 SQ FT | \$1,145,000



Just installed **BRAND NEW** Windows for this stunning retreat in the heart of Sun City Summerlin, where modern design meets relaxed desert living. This beautifully updated home, remodeled by Affiniti Homes, sits along the golf course and offers incredible mountain views that make every sunset feel special. Inside, you'll find an open, light-filled floor plan with designer finishes, luxury flooring, and a sleek kitchen featuring quartz counters, custom cabinetry, and stainless appliances.



SCS LIFE FEATURED LISTING

Property Listed by:

Cathy & Kevin Jaramillo

S.0181116, S.0183674

LOVE LAS VEGAS REALTY

AFFINITI HOMES

Call to set up a viewing

702-604-0334

Rewriting the Rules of Retirement

Retirement comes with more time for the things you love. A reverse mortgage can help you fund them.



Susan Laliberte

Reverse Mortgage Consultant
NMLS #429584

slaliberte@longbridge-financial.com
Cell: (702) 525-7774
Office: (775) 297-8757



Branch Address: 8275 South Eastern Avenue Office 200 Space 252, Las Vegas, NV 89123, Branch NMLS #: 1616482.

This material has not been reviewed, approved or issued by HUD, FHA or any government agency. The company is not affiliated with or acting on behalf of or at the direction of HUD/FHA or any other government agency.

©2025 Longbridge Financial, LLC NMLS# 557935, 61 South Paramus Road, Suite 500, Paramus, NJ 07652, 1-855-523-4326. For licensing information, go to www.nmlsconsumeraccess.org. For additional Longbridge licensing and disclosures, please visit: <https://longbridge-financial.com/licensing>. Not all products and options are available in all states. Terms subject to change without notice. Certain conditions and fees apply. This is not a loan commitment. All loans subject to approval. Equal Housing Lender.

Sean
Edwards
LUXE BEAUTY SALON

A premiere full-service beauty salon that specializes in hair care services, hair extensions and eyebrow threading.

702-333-1696

luxeboutysalon.biz

info@www.luxeboutysalon.biz

2225 N Rampart Blvd,
Las Vegas

SCS LIFE

DIRECTORY ADS

Sun City Summerlin's Business Connection

Haircuts in Your Home by Diana

PROFESSIONAL HAIRSTYLIST

40 Years of Satisfied Clients
760-574-6089
 Sun City Resident



Blanca Crawford

HEALTH AND WELLNESS COACH

760-403-8296
 Blanca.Crawford@yahoo.com



MAKING MEDICARE EASY!

Sue Carr
 Licensed Insurance Agent
702-241-3172
 Onescnotary@outlook.com

pgia Presley General Insurance Agency, Inc.



8524 Del Webb Blvd
 Las Vegas, NV 89134
 www.presleyga.com

HELPING YOU PROTECT WHAT MATTERS MOST

COUNTRY FINANCIAL
 AUTO | HOME | LIFE | BUSINESS | RETIREMENT

Armando Martinez Find me on Google
702-837-4953
 Just minutes from Sun City Summerlin

2410 FIRE MESA DRIVE, SUITE 130, LAS VEGAS, NV 89128



PROPERTY MANAGEMENT / SALES

55+ Community Property Manager
Anthony "Tony" Romano Jr.
702-672-3413
 propertymanagementbyromano.realestate

SIGNATURE REAL ESTATE GROUP

Real Estate License #5.0180947, PM Permit #PM.0166914



ADT

- ✓ Home Security
- ✓ Smart Home Automation
- ✓ Security Cameras
- ✓ Business Security
- ✓ Senior Safety

Call Joey P from ADT!
 Joey Petersen | 702-460-7949 | wpetersen@adt.com

Dona's Dog Sitting

Dona Lackey, Owner
 Sun City Resident
 LICENSED & INSURED
702-768-1254
 isiturpet@outlook.com



PRISBREY ELECTRIC and LEES HEATING & COOLING

702-378-6872

ELECTRIC #85686
 HEATING & COOLING #41761

52 Years of Professional Experience Serving Las Vegas




PSYCHOTHERAPIST SPECIALIZING IN AGING

Terre Hamrick, LCSW Psychotherapist

Particularly sensitive to the issues surrounding aging including loss, loneliness, depression, changing life patterns and relationships. Confidential Telehealth and is a provider for Original Medicare including all supplements. Sorry we do not accept Medicare Advantage HMO plans.

702-333-2298 | mhowie@atomicpsych.com | atomicpsych.com



THE PRICKETT GROUP
 REAL ESTATE

kw THE MARKETPLACE

Tessa Sphar Geoff Prickett
 REALTOR® #2022288 REALTOR® #201775
702-758-4622
 info@prickettgroup.com

FREE HOME VALUATIONS



Michelle Brooks
 Sun City Resident
 VegasPetSit.com
 VegasHouseSit.com
 Michelle@VegasPetSit.com
 702-805-0082

Vegas PET & HOUSE SIT



Turning 65 or New to Medicare? Retiring or losing group coverage? Need Individual Health Coverage?

NO COST. NO PRESSURE. JUST HELP!

Contact me anytime, I am here to help.

Call or Text me at: **702-415-1545**

Judy Wu, Licensed Insurance Agent
 www.prestigebandi.com/agents/judy/wu




GET NOTICED.

Advertise in SCS Life Service Directory for only \$75

Contact: Eric Dahlberg

edahlbergmcin@gmail.com, 775-316-2265

Vantage Pest Control

702-827-4752
 RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL

- Pigeons
- Scorpions
- Cockroaches
- Ants
- Crickets
- Bed Bugs
- Silverfish
- Rats & Mice

WE BUILD EVERYTHING!

Bathrooms | Flooring | Kitchens | Casitas | Room Additions | Cabinets | Countertops
Complete Remodeling from A to Z



REMODEL YOUR SUN CITY HOME WITH US

We are expert remodelers, from kitchens to baths to anything you can imagine for your Sun City Summerlin home. We love to work in Sun City and we will treat your home as if it was our own.




TERRA MIA
CONSTRUCTION

GC LIC#: 0088403 BID LILMIT: \$200,000

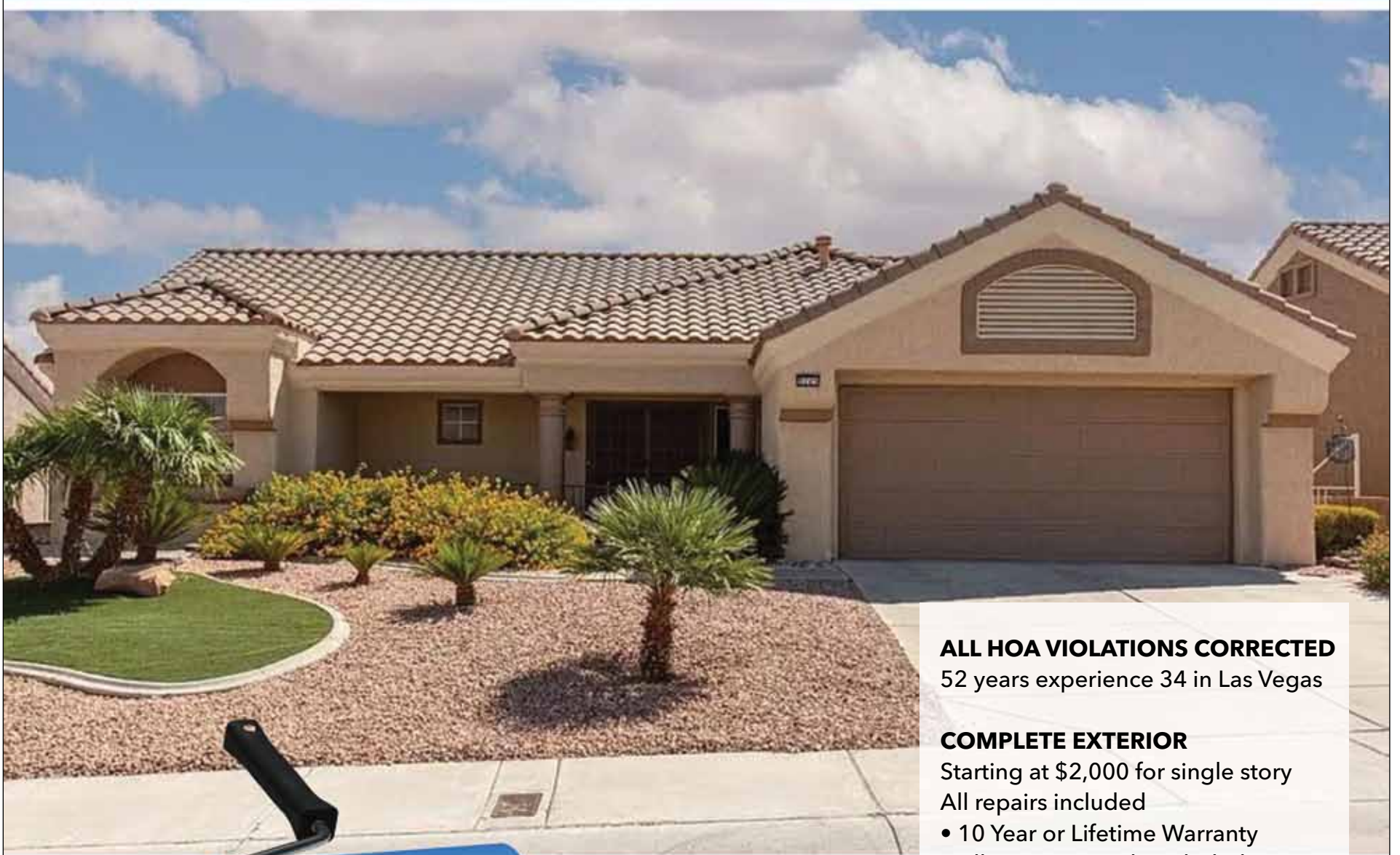
Call Today!

702-478-8070

terramiaconstruction.com

4000 W Ali Baba Ln Suite A & B, Las Vegas, NV 89118

RING IN THE NEW YEAR OF SAVINGS WITH \$500 OFF



ALL HOA VIOLATIONS CORRECTED

52 years experience 34 in Las Vegas

COMPLETE EXTERIOR

Starting at \$2,000 for single story

All repairs included

- 10 Year or Lifetime Warranty
- All Paint Materials Included
- All Satin & Semi Gloss
- Fascia Board
- Stucco Repair

COMPLETE INTERIOR PAINTING

Includes Drywall Repair/Texture

Includes:

- Wall Paper Removal
- Primer Seal
- Garage Floor Coating & More



Scan to Visit
our Website

All Valley Painting LLC

FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED

INSURED BONDED AND LICENSED #48640B

Call us Today! 702-210-8555