## Residents' Corner

## The Safari

By Peggy W.

"Mama, open the trunk right now!"

I'm seven years old and I can't wait to see what's in the trunk Mama bid on at Bekins Van and Storage for unpaid storage. Mama bought many things at these auctions, but the trunks are my A tall, thin woman gets out of the car. She wears favorites. The last one smelled of lavender, held some pretty dresses, three diaries, pictures of handsome men, and a little beaded purse with a small silver gun in it. Mama says she will try to find the owner and give it all back.

with furs. I'm happy. My hero is Frank Buck of Bring Them Back Alive movies. He looks for wild animals in the jungle. His helpers are little black men who don't wear much.

wear them and play Bring Them Back Alive." She laughs and says, "Yes. That's a great idea."

curly one is a Persian lamb. This next one is a mink stole. Oh, look at this lovely fox."

I like best the ones that look like animals, one end a head, the other a tail. All have nice satin linings.

I round up my friends, Elliot, Marilyn, Shel, Marvin, Arnie, Beverly, and Little Richard. Mama fastens the furs on our sunsuits with safety pins. She stands back to admire her work.

"You all look like real hunters. These furs make wonderful loin cloths."

We run out to the front yard. There are bushes to hide in and two nice trees to climb. It's a quiet, warm summer afternoon. The Weissmans' big old brown dog is in his yard, watches us with eyes half shut, then closes them and goes back to sleep.

Marvin says, "If nothing wilder shows up, we'll capture him."

A big, dark green car with black fenders drives

by, stops, backs up and parks in front of my house. Arnie and Shel, up in one of the trees, shake branches. The rest of us shout, yell, and run around the bushes and the lawn.

a light green dress, a small green hat with a long blue feather. She stares at us. She looks mad as she marches up the walk to the front door, pokes the doorbell. We stop the hunt to watch.

Mama opens the door. The tall woman says, I hold my breath as she opens the lid. It's filled in a loud voice, "Do you know there are a lot of children running around your yard wearing costly furs?"

Mama smiles. "Yes, I know. One of them is my daughter. I pinned those furs on myself. "Mama, can I have these? My friends and I can Look how much fun it is. You must admit they look just like big game hunters in those outfits."

The woman stares at Mama, eyes wide. She lifts the furs out one by one. "This black Her mouth drops open. Her face turns red. She waves a finger in Mama's face. The feather in her hat shakes as she shouts.

> "You're crazy. That's hundreds of dollars in beautiful furs ruined right before my eyes. I can't believe this. It's insane. Don't you know we're in the middle of a depression?"

> She turns, gives us an ugly look as she marches back to her car. She gets in, slams the door on the blue feather. Tires squeal. The feather waves in the wind as she speeds away.

> Mama calls to us. "Have you caught anything yet?"





## Village View

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## A Word to the Wise

By Jerry L.

For those of us uncertain about how to deal with the loss of a significant other in terms of dealing with all kinds of financial and tax records, there are several ways to be prepared for this situation. Basically, you need to be educated and  $\P$ be sure you and your loved one have made all the necessary preparations. The consequences of not being prepared can be very traumatic, especially in a time of dealing with the loss.



Resources that are available include: A son or daughter or other trusted relative who is totally familiar with all your financial and tax records and who has a clear understanding of your wishes; a financial adviser; an estate attorney; a fiduciary; or other licensed advisor.

The first step that we're pretty sure everyone has taken is to have a family trust, prepared by a professional. This may be single trust, or in the case so common here, a separate trust for each partner. This step takes care of some of the items mentioned above. A part of this should be an advance health care directive and the POLST\* form that we all are required to complete.

Another step (that might be part of the trust) is the preparation of an estate plan, best done with the help of a professional. CA law changes often on this topic so it is best to be sure it is current.

UVTO management cannot and will not provide any direct assistance in this regard but can offer names of professionals that can help. But it is always better to start with a trusted relative. 1

Paul N. and Jerry L. have non-professional experience in these matters and would be happy to try to answer any questions you might have.

Other resources include:

- Such meetings as the annual budget preparation, presentation by the Master Trust Trustee, the Financial Primer and other meetings regarding UVTO finances. Be sure both spouses of a couple attend.
- Savvy Estate Planning, by James Cunningham (available through Amazon)
- Senior Concerns, Conejo Valley, www.seniorconcerns.org
- Iris Health Care (www.irishealthcadre.com). Requires a referral.
- AARP article, What to Do When a Loved One Dies, https://www.aarp.org/home-family/ friends-family/info-2020/when-loved-one-dies-checklist.html

<sup>\*</sup>Physicians Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If you decide to engage the services of a professional financial manager to handle your finances, you must register that fact with UVTO. See page 57 of the Resident Handbook.

	Weekly Activities	FEBRUARY 2024 MONTHLY ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS						
Sun	Open Art Studio - All Day (AC) 2:00 Social Bridge (LR)	Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
Monday	7:30 Rabbit Walk (RD) 8:30 Pickle Ball (TC) 10:30 Mobility & Strengthening with Chris (CH) 12:15 Balance I (CH) 1:00 Balance II (CH)  8:30 Water Aerobics (Pool) 9:15 Hatha Yoga with Deirdre (CH)	AC Arts and Crafts Roon ADR Avalon Dining Roon AW Activities Window BBC Bocce Ball Court BBQ Barbeque Area BD Board Room BR Balboa Room		Laguna Room Lakeside Lounge (LV 2nd Floor)  (MV 2nd Floor)  (MV 2nd Floor)  (MV 2nd Floor)  (MV 2nd Floor)  (LV 3rd Floor)	od Lounge oor) osa Lounge door)	Mardi-tine's Party Signup Begins (AW) 9:30 Wood Crafting Class (AC) 9:45 Excursion: Frank Lloyd Wright's Hollyhock House 11:00 Point of View (BR) 12:00 Beginning Spanish Class (BD) 1:00 Watercolor Art Class (AC) 7:00 Westlake High School Tri-Music Honors	10:00 Great Decisions Signup (AW) 11:00 Activities Committee (BR) 2:00 Arts Club (AC) 2:00 Foreign Film Friday (BR) Amélie 2h 1m Rated R 4:00 Feline Friends (LSL)	3 12:00 Wake Up Your Brain (CH) 2:00 Monthly Student Musician Showcase (CH)
Tuesday	10:00 Needle Crafters Club (AC) 10:15 Fit-Tastic with Dario (CH) 11:15 Zumba Gold (CH) 1:00 Poker (MCT) 1:00 Mexican Trains (MCT) 1:30 Hand and Foot Card Game (LR) 4:00 Conversational German (CI)	Maestro 2h 11m (Rated R)  5:00 Vespers (CH)  Begins (MCT) 10:00 Bowls of Hope Painting Sign 10:00 Literary Club (AC)	10:00 Bowls of Hope Painting Signup (AW)	10:00 Food & Beverage Committee (LR) 11:30 Tech Talk w/ CLU Students (BD) Pre-registration required, 3026 1:30 Movie Club (BD) 1:30 Laundry Tour (OakView EVS)	No Window Shoppe Donations Today 10:00 One-on-One Tech w/ Tracie (BD) Pre-registration required, 3026 11:00 Bible Study (LR) 11:00 Fifty and Better Series (BR)	racie (BD)  Date Change 9:30 Current Events Club (LR) 9:30 Wood Crafting Class (AC) 11:00 Point of View (BR)	4:30 Shabbat (CH)  9 10:00 Senior Concerns Solo Aging Workshop for Women Signup (AW) 10:00-1:00 Window Shoppe Sale (LR) 12:30 Piano Serenade with Mark (MCT)	10 12:00 Wake Up Your Brain (BR) Location Change 2:30 L.A. Symphonic Winds Concert (CH)
Wednesday	7:30 Rabbit Walk (RD) 8:30 Pickle Ball (TC) 9:00 Tai Chi with Kimiko (CH) 10:00-12:00 Window Shoppe Donations (AC) 10:15 Mobility & Strengthening with	Delkeskamp	1:30 Resident Council (LR) 2:00 Metro Museum of Art Lecture Series (BR) 3:30 Village Singers Rehearsal Resumes (CH)	2:00 Tudors to Stuarts Lecture Series (BR) 4:45 Getting to Know You Dinner (ADR) 7:00 Westlake Music Academy: The Great American Songbook (CH)  China, Russia, and America Part 2 2:30 Photo Club Presentation (CH) 7:00 Wednesday Night at the Movies (BR) The Color Purple (Rated PG-13) 2h 21m		12:00 Beginning Spanish Class (BD) 3:00 Living a Brain-Healthy Lifestyle (CH) 4:45 MEAT Dinner (ADR)	12:30 Pre-Town Hall Performance by the Fiato Quartet (CH) 2:00 Town Hall (CH)	
	Dario (CH) 11:15 Intro to Line Dancing (CH) 12:15 Duplicate Bridge (LR) 12:15 Balance I (CH) 1:00 Pan at the Poker Table (MCT) 1:00 Balance II (CH) 5:00 Solos Dining (MD)	No Sunday Movie Today No Vespers Today 2:15 Excursion: Camerata Pacifica Concert - Civic Arts Plaza Super Bowl Party (CH)	12 Mary Jane Ferguson's Oil Painting Exhibit Continues (MCT) 9:00 Men's Club Presentation (CH) 10:00 Literary Club (AC) 11:00 Astronomy Class (BR) 2:00 Classic Films with Joe (BR)	13 10:00 Techie Classes w/ Pat (BD) 10:00 Village Store Meeting (LR) 10:30 Food Forward Forum (MD) 11:00 Live Virtual Tour Signup (AW) 11:30 Tech Talk w/ CLU Students (BD) Pre-registration required, 3026 12:30 Women's Board Meeting (BD)	<ul> <li>→ Happy Valuatines Day ★ 1 4</li> <li>10:30 How Would You Like to Be Remembered Workshop (BD)</li> <li>11:00 Bible Study (LR)</li> <li>11:00 Fifty and Better Series (BR) Oscar-Winning Musicals Part 1</li> <li>2:30 Opera Club Part 1 (BD)</li> <li>4:00-7:00 Valentine's Piano w/Neil (MCT)</li> </ul>	9:30 Excursion: American Red Cross Facility Tour 9:30 Wood Crafting Class (AC) 10-12:00 Excursion Signup (MCT) 11:00 Point of View (BR) 12:00 Beginning Spanish Class (BD)	11:00 Great Decisions Group A (BD) 11:00 Grief Support Fellowship (BD) 1:00 Great Decisions Group B (BD) 1:00 Hearing Clinic (AC) 2:00 Excursion Club (BD) 2:00 Celebrating Black History Month	17 12:00 Wake Up Your Brain (CH) 2:00 T.O. Philharmonic Piano Masterclass (CH)
Thursday	8:30 Water Aerobics (Pool) 9:00 Resident-Led Bocce Ball (BBC) 9:15 Meditation/Gentle Chair Yoga with Deirdre (CH) 10:15 Fit-Tastic with Dario (CH) 11:15 Ping Pong (CH)	2-3:15 Football Pool 2:45 Snacks & Pregame 3:30 Game Kick-off	The Letter 1940 1h 35m 3:30 Village Singers Rehearsal (CH) 6:30 Art Trek (AC)	2:00 Budget & Finance Committee (BR) 2:30 Care and Support Group (BD) 7:00–9:00 Mardi-Tines Party (CH) Pre-registration required, 3026	7:00 Wednesday Night at the Movies (BR) Past Lives (Rated PG-13) 1h 46m 7:00 Westlake Music Academy: Great American Songbook (CH)	1:00 Watercolor Art Class (AC) 2:00 Paul Lenderman (BR) Letting Go 3:00 When Ordinary People Become Evil with Harold Gottlieb (CH) 4:45 Getting to Know You Dinner (ADR)	with Pamela and Hollywood (CH)	
	1:00 Breathing-Centered Yoga Core (CH) 1:00 Poker (MCT) 1:00 Social Bridge (LR) 3:00 Scrabble (MCT)	Gran Turismo 2h 14m (Rated PG-13) 5:00 Vespers (CH) Chaplain Paul Lenderman 11:00 Health 11:00 Metro M Time Change 1:00 Bowls of 2:30 Presiden	Mary Jane Ferguson's Oil Painting Exhibit Continues (MCT) No Village Singers Rehearsal Today 10:00 Literary Club (AC)	10:00 Safety & Security Committee (LR) 10:00 Life Celebration Committee (BR) 11:30 Tech Talk w/ CLU Students (BD) Pre-registration required, 3026	21  10:00 One-on-One Tech w/ Tracie (BD) Pre-registration required, 3026  11:00 Bible Study (LR)  11:00 Fifty and Better Series (BR) Oscar-Winning Musicals Part 2	9:30 Current Events Club (LR) 9:30 Wood Crafting Class (AC) 11:00 Excursion: The Lunch Bunch: Novo Café	Workshop for Women (BR)	24  12:00 Wake Up Your Brain (CH)  7:00 Junior Chamber Music Concert (CH)
Friday	7:30 Rabbit Walk (RD) 8:30 Pickle Ball (TC) 9:00-12:00 Open Art Studio (AC) 9:15 Zumba Gold (CH) 10:15 Mobility & Strengthening with Chris (CH)		11:00 Health & Wellness Committee (LR) 11:00 Metro Museum of Art Lecture Series (BR) Time Change 1:00 Bowls of Hope Painting Party (AC) 2:30 President's Day Program (CH)  Presidents Day	2:00 Tudors to Stuarts Lecture Series (BR) 3:30 Village Singers Rehearsal (CH) Date Change 4:45 MEAT Dinner (ADR)	2:30 Opera Club Part 2 (BD) 2:30 Professors on Campus (CH) History of Bound Labor in North America with Michaela Reaves 7:00 Wednesday Night at the Movies (BR) The Holdovers (Rated R) 2h 13m	11:00 Point of View (BR) 12:00 Beginning Spanish Class (BD) 3:30 Jewish Fellowship Group (BR) 7:00 Westlake Music Academy: The Great American Songbook (CH)	Pre-registration required, 3026 12:30 Piano Serenade with Mark (MCT) 2:00 Birthday Party with Rick Jarrett (CH)	
Sat	11:15 Bocce Ball (BBC)  8:30 Open Tennis (TC) 9:00 Tai Chi with Kimiko (CH) 10:15 Line Dancing (CH)	25 2:00 Sunday Movie (CH) Barbie 1h 54m (Rated PG-13) 5:00 Vespers (CH) Reverend Tom Stephan	26 Mary Jane Ferguson's Oil and Watercolor Paintings Exhibit Begins (MCT) 9:00 Men's Club Presentation (CH) 10:00 Literary Club (AC) 11:00 Astronomy Class (BR)	10:00 Building Representatives (LR) 11:00 Getting to Know Us (BBQ) 12:00 Live Virtual Tour (BR) 2:30 Care and Support Group (BD)	28 10:00 One-on-One Tech w/ Tracie (BD) Pre-registration required, 3026 11:00 Bible Study (LR) 1:00 Hospitality Committee (BR) 2:30 Health and Wellness Seminar (CH)	Ping Pong and Yoga Class Outside Today 11:00 Point of View (BR) 12:00 Beginning Spanish Class (BD) 2:00 New West Symphony's	Classes Recurring Events Clubs Sign-up Required Committees Special Events	Check the Portal or the weekly
M-F	11:00-1:00 Village Store, 3067 UVTO Salon By Appointment, 3033		2:00 Classic Films with Joe (BR) Laura 1944 1h 28m 3:30 Village Singers Rehearsal (CH) 6:30 Art Trek (AC)	88866	Recent Researches in Cancer 7:00 Wednesday Night at the Movies (BR) Anatomy of a Fall (Rated R) 2h 32m	Meet the Artist (CH)	Excursions Spiritual Fitness/Wellness UVTO Community Games	Update for the most current events.