

LA SOLANA TOWN CRIER

All the good news that's fit to print

From the President's desk: Jan Smith

The new year is the time for Reflection, Celebration, and Anticipation. It marks the end of one year and the beginning of another, symbolizing a fresh start and new opportunities.

Reflection for me was looking back at a very eventful year for La Solana with many reasons to celebrate. We have many new activities, restored the Atrium, and will soon add some new designs. We have new lights at our entrance. The Grand installed a new sign on Mountain View to let everyone know we are part of The Grand. And, we now have a brand new look with the completion of our painting which also symbolizes a new beginning.

We will begin the New Year with many opportunities to continue to improve our community. I am very excited to see what is in store for us.

Happy New Year! The anticipation to continuously improve La Solana is very exciting. Let's have the best year ever.

Welcome 2025!

Jan Smith,

La Solana Board President

Solana residents have big hearts.

Meet Smokey



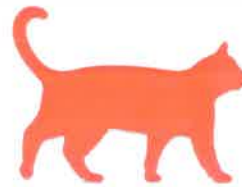
Smokey was found in Building 7 in October by a renter who brought her to Jan. She weighed 1 lb 1 ounce! Jan called Sandra Pittaro to come and get her while La Solana tried to find a permanent home. The entire staff and several residents tried to find her a forever home. After a few days Sandra agreed to take her in and that is when she became Smokey because of her color. Coincidentally JoAnn and Doug Grisham, the couple who found her, also named her Smokey. (Con't pg 2)



Sandra took over Smokey's care on October 16. By Dec 9, thanks to Sandra's great care, Smokey weighed in at 3 lbs 7 ounces. She got her vaccines for Rabies and Leukemia.

Smokey enjoy watching football on TV, sunbathing at the kitchen window, and playing with her many toys.

Smokey and Sandra really rescued one another. Smokey avoided having to go to a shelter and Sandra enjoys the companionship. Pets bring so much to our lives.



Former President Jimmy Carter passed away at the age of 100. Known for brokering peace agreements like the Camp David Accords, Carter's [HYPERLINK](#)

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The United States saw an [HYPERLINK](#)

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When I take long walks outside of The Grand I not infrequently see homeless people living behind Albertsons, or next to the Chicken Shack. I remind myself to be grateful for all I have and to not judge others. Sometimes it is one paycheck between a clean apartment and a homeless encampment. I take my good used clothing and household goods to the Valley Food Thrift Store on El Camino Real because all of their proceeds go to feeding those in need in our local community. There's no high salaries paid to executives, just money raised to purchase goods for those who are less fortunate than we are. Please consider using the Valley Thrift Store for your donated goods.

They say the job is not done until the paper work is finished. Well, the painting isn't done until the doors areTurquoise again.

Let the front office know if you want your screen door and/or front door and trim painted. Our former Mike Pence, handyman extraordinaire, will see that the work is done well



Are your windows dirty and need to be cleaned??? There is a new window washer at La Solana, Jim Miller 602-785-9978. Jim has done approximately 15 condos and all good reports of his services. Contact him directly for a quote and/or scheduling a time. Jim's business cards are available in the office for future reference.

It's unbelievable that the painting project is coming to an end!!

Empireworks on January 6th and 7th ONLY, painters will be completing trim work on patio doors and other necessary touch ups.

IF YOUR PATIO DOOR trim has not been completed this is your last opportunity to get it painted. Painters will not be using ladders to complete this project. Please find a local person, friend or neighbor to open your front door.

Contact the office to be placed on the list for patio door trim painting.



A Landscape Committee has just been established here at La Solana.

This is a call for volunteers to help add to and maintain an attractive campus landscape.

All help is appreciated and needed, so if you are an experienced avid gardener, or want to help and learn more about gardening, please join us!

The **first Landscape Committee meeting will be held this **Thursday, Jan. 2, at 1:00 PM in the Clubhouse Conference Room.****

Please email your interest and any questions you may have.

Thank You !

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Missed the meeting? Have no fear. Linda resides in building 5. If gardening is your super power Linda would love your input.

Are you a non-resident owner with a renter at La Solana? Please share the newsletter as renters are invited to all La Solana activities.

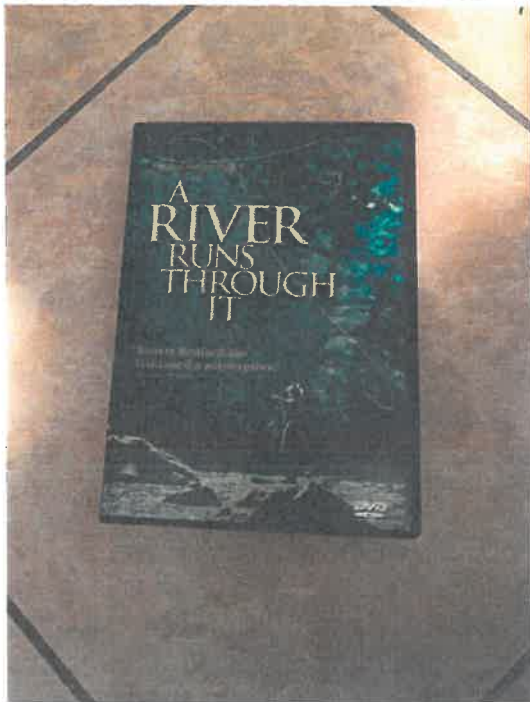
By Carol Crawford



Christmas season is shining at La Solana. Even Lexi is enjoying the quiet walks and the beautiful Christmas lights.



Friends gathered weekly for Thursday night football. The last game was between the Seahawks and the Bears. It was close 6 to 3 but without a touchdown Seahawks won.



“The January movie is a “River Runs Through it” with Craig Sheffer as young Norman and Brad Pitt as his younger brother Paul, an irresistible daredevil driven to challenge the world. Growing up, both boys rebel against their stern minister father. While Norman channels his rebellion into writing, Paul descends down a slippery path to self-destruction. Co-starring Tom Skerritt as the Reverend Maclean and Emily Lloyd as wild-hearted Jessie Burns. Robert Redford is the director who captures the majesty of the Montana wilderness and the strength of the American family in the ac claimed adaptation of Norman Maclean’s classic memoir”. 124 minutes.



So much happening at La Solana — Join us

January Crafts on the 5th at 2 PM. Please sign up in the clubhouse

January 11th will be the movie beginning at 2 PM. Free popcorn!

January 25th Game night with Pizza. 6 -8 PM. \$5. Donation requested. Sign up in clubhouse.

Check the monthly activities calendar for more to do at La Solana



Christmas Crafts

We made door chimes with a little bit of ribbon, bells, and beads put together for a festive door ornament. Our biggest craft was a centerpiece. Each person chose their own wine bottle or vase to put little lights in along with several different Christmas decorations.

The grandchildren came with grandma and enjoyed building memories that will last a lifetime. We are planning something special for the women in April.

If there is a hobby that you like to do and would be willing to share with us, contact Carol Crawford. 636.633-3455

