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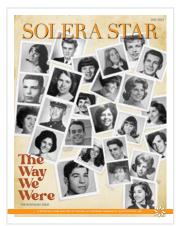


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THE WAY WE WERE

We're turning back the clock for this nostalgic issue of the *Solera Star.* Can you guess who's who?

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Anthem Parkway - Contact Anthem Council Community Manager, Ivy Cullen at (702) 737-8580 (Press ""0"" to speak to the operator to report the leak)

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS AND INFORMATION

Meetings are held in the Stardust Ballroom of the Clubhouse, located at 2401 Somersworth Dr., Henderson, NV 89044

Agendas are available the week before the meeting, and are emailed out to all residents with an email address on file. To request a copy of the agenda, you may also reach out to Management directly.

Board of Directors Executive Session

July 5 | 9:30 a.m. | Stardust

Board of Directors Meeting

July 12 | 9:30 a.m. | *Stardust*

Board of Directors Executive Session August 2 | 9:30 a.m. | *Stardust*

Board of Directors Meeting

August 9 | 9:30 a.m. | Stardust

Anthem Council Meeting

August 16 | 3 p.m. | Sun City Anthem (Arlington Room)

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ASSOCIATION

MANAGERS MESSAGE

Dear Solerans!

This issue marks the beginning of a new era for the Solera Star magazine. The July issue is the very first created in conjunction with Solera's new publishing vendor, Ternion Sage.

Ternion Sage is a local company, having served Las Vegas since 2013. They are the publisher for various other HOA magazines and even publish the *Celebration News* magazine for Disney in Florida. As you'll certainly notice, the issues will be longer up to 48 pages and will include a wider variety of content and advertising. Ternion Sage expects to improve the styling, formatting, and paper quality of the magazine, all while printing the magazines in-house and shipping them locally. Doing so

should limit the delivery issues and concerns we have seen in the past.

Solera is fortunate to embark on this relationship with this new publisher as it is saving the association thousands of dollars in publishing expenses each year. Last year the association spent approximately \$22,000 to publish the Solera Star magazine. Ternion Sage will not charge the association even a single dollar to publish and distribute Solera's monthly magazine. They instead operate by finding and charging businesses that want to advertise to Solerans.

The Lifestyle department and Communications Committee were thoroughly impressed with Ternion Sage and recommended this change to the Board. Welcome Ternion Sage to Solera!

As one door opens, another closes - AHA! Publishing, the outgoing publisher of the magazine, has worked with Solera for more than 10 years. We thank them for their many contributions to the community.

Reading this article, you may not know that the Solera magazine dates all the way back to 2003. The publication started as a double-sided, singlesheet newsletter sent to residents by the Del Webb Management Company Inc. It grew into tri-fold, and then a two-sheet, folded and stapled publication with advertising. By the summer of 2004, a contest was held to name the newsletter's successor, a true magazine, and thus the Solera Star.

The magazine became a Solera at Anthem publication in 2007 when the first all-homeowners board took office. It took some serious counting skills, but we believe this is the 230th edition of the Solera Star!

Sincerely,

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BY JACOB KAY General Manager





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Thursday, October 30 1:00 p.m. Annual Membership Meeting Thursday, December 4 1:00 p.m.

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A member comment period will be held a the beginning of each meeting. COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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MANAGEMENT TEAM

The review process is held every other Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. at the Solera Community Association office. Upcoming meetings are: October 22, November 5 and November 19. You and/or your contractor are welcome to attend. Please remember that an application must be submitted with 2 sets of plans. If you have not received your application, they are available in the Association office

ARCHITECTURAL

REVIEW COMMITTEES

ARC Committee members are: Mathew Lawson, Chairman, Brain Aarseth, Barry Goodman, Matt Kartchner, Don Wright, and Barbara Thomas. ARC Sub-Committee members are: Barbara Thomas, Chairman, Jeanette Michaelson, and Felicia Pollizi,

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The following committee needs volunteers: Communications

For more information or to apply please contact management at *soleraatanthem@fsrnevada.com*.

Residents are welcome to attend any committee meetings that are of interest, except Covenants and ARC. Meeting dates are listed on page 14.

ARC RECOUNTS 2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

BY THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

We are very excited about the upcoming year. We would like to give you a re-cap for the past year of accomplishments.

Architectural Design Guidelines were updated in 2022. The revision became effective on October 1, 2022. The updates in the October ADG included 14 items which were published in the April issue of the *Solera Star*.

A brand-new subcommittee for ARC was created. The subcommittee, Home Owners Orientation, will be chaired by David Chavez and the committee will include three other ARC members. The HOO will coordinate ARC representation at Solera's New Residents Organization meetings.

Below are the major accomplishments from the ARC for the year 2022.

- 1. ARC processed 229 applications for review from the homeowners for modifications to their property.
- 2. ARC conducted 225 inspections on completed modifications.
- 3. In February 2022 ARC held a training session to certify three ARC trainees.
- 4. Jacob Kay, First Service ARC committee representative, was replaced by Florine Radulovic-Kay.
- 5. Every other month, ARC submits to the *Solera Star* an article covering items related to Architectural Design Guidelines.

Below are the major goals for 2023 by the Architectural Review Committee.

- 1. Process all applications for review in the monthly ARC meetings.
- 2. Inspection of all completed modifications covered in the architectural review.
- 3. Provide bi-monthly articles to the Solera Star.
- 4. Update our training module and complete a training class for current ARC members.
- 5. Continue to review ARC guidelines to ensure that we keep them current and to bring new ideas into focus.
- 6. Conduct ARC elections for officers to ensure that ARC continues to operate at a high level.

ARC'S MISSION

To process applications from the homeowners of Solera at Anthem for modifications to their property and to provide inspections of the completed modification's confirming adherence to the Architectural Design Guidelines.

PS: Special thanks to Al Brightwell, ARC secretary 🐇

UPDATE FOR THE COMMUNITY RULES AND REGULATIONS HANDBOOK EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2023.

Community Rules and Regulations; Section VI (F)(1): F. Swimming Pool and Spas

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> > Entertainment will be provided by Reboot

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Natural Life believes in a healthier lifestyle for all members of the community. Our store is located in Henderson at the southeast corner of Eastern Ave and Horizon Ridge in the Smith's shopping center. Samples will be handed out during the presentation.

If you are interested in attending, please sign up at the Clubhouse Front Desk.

TERNION SAGE

FROM THE PUBLISHER

On behalf of the entire Ternion Sage team, welcome to the new Solera Star. It is truly an honor and privilege to have been selected as the publisher of record, and we are honored to be entrusted with the task of creating a high-quality magazine that reflects the vibrant spirit and unique essence of your community.

We understand that a community is not just a collection of individuals; it is a tapestry woven with the threads of shared stories, cherished memories, and common aspirations. Our goal is to capture the essence of the Solera community and present it in a way that evokes a sense of belonging, celebration, and connection.

None of this would be possible without the efforts of the Solera management team and other contributors from the community. Their commitment to providing content that reflects the diverse interests, talents, and achievements of Solera is what allows Ternion Sage to create a magazine that informs, entertains, and inspires.

We also want to express our heartfelt gratitude to the advertisers that believe in the power of print and find value in your community. By supporting them you are helping to create a mutually beneficial relationship.

As we embark on this journey together, we will uphold the highest standards of quality, integrity, and professionalism. We will listen attentively, work diligently, and strive to exceed your expectations. Our goal is to create a magazine that becomes a cherished companion, a source of inspiration, and something you look forward to every month.

Once again, welcome to your new Solera Star. We are excited to begin this new chapter with you.

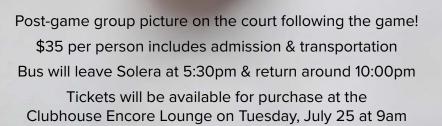
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SOLERA'S 20TH NNIVERSARY LUAU PARTY

SATURDAY, AUG. 26 | 6-9PM STARDUST ROOM

(\$20 residents only)

This is a BYOB event

A Hawaiian buffet will be served along with Dole Pineapple Whip for dessert, and tropical punch to make Mai Tai's. You must bring your own rum. Entertainment will be provided by Neal Acito and Hot Lava Polynesian dancers.

> Tickets will be available for purchase at the Clubhouse Lady Luck Room on Tuesday, August 8 at 9am

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Hristo Sotirov, CIMA® Financial Advisor 12211 S Eastern Ave Suite 170 Henderson, NV 89052 702-434-4747 Outsmart the Scammers Lunch & Learn Presentation

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2	3	4 Fourth of July BBQ 11 am Bulk Trash Day Independence Day	5 Executive Board 9:30 am	6 Communications 9:30 am	7	8 Fitness Center Orientation 10 am
9	10 Covenants 10 am	11 ARC 9 am	12 Board of Directors 9:30 am	Shark Reef Aquarium Outing (Bus leaves at 9 am)	14	15
16	17	18 Lifestyle 11:15 am Bulk Trash Day	19 Buildings & Grounds 9:30 am	20 Bingo 6:30 pm	21	22
23	24	25 Tickets Go On Sale For Aces Game 9 am Natural Life Presentation 11 am	26 Finance 9:30 am Community Standards 4 pm	27	28	29
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LIFESTYLE

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

CHARTERED CLUBS

American Mah Jongg Club | Tuesday | 1 p.m. Rosalie Feit | (702) 897-4965

Asian Mah Jongg Club | Wednesday & Friday | Noon Vickie | (702) 489-7922

Bridge Club | Tuesday & Friday | 12:30 p.m. Sue Linnever | (203) 232-5345

Bunco Club | Second Tuesday | 5 p.m. Karen Schanhals | (725) 605-5155; Sue Levine | (631) 871-8459

Euchre Club | Monday | 1 p.m. Gregg Schiffbauer | (702) 379-1399 | magregg@aol.com

Fine Arts Club

Watercolor | Thursday | 10 a.m. Judy Blankenship | (702) 457-0550

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Bead Weaving | Thursday | 1 p.m. Carol Runyan | (702) 558-7623

Quilts & More | Friday | 10 a.m. Maryann Bianco (702) 453-2884 | maryann bianco@yahoo.com

Stained Glass | Wednesdays | 12:30-5 p.m. Bob Stahurski | (702) 994-3919

Paper Works / Greeting Cards Club | Monday | 1 p.m. Linda Freitas | dfreitas89044@cox.net

Party Bridge Club | Tuesday & Thursday | 12:30 p.m. David Hon | (801) 791-6229 | hondi@msn.com

Pickleball Club | Monday - Friday | 7-10 a.m. Steve Gordon | (442) 333-5877

Poker Club

Monday | Noon; Wednesday | 5 p.m.; Thursday | 5 p.m. Donna Tipps | (775) 846-3616 | dtipps4@cox.net

Romeo's Solera Mens Club Third Friday | 8:30 a.m. | Southpoint Allen Blonder | (702) 395-6878

Solera Ladies Club | Monthly Activities Sue Boylan | (702) 373-6055 | srb702@gmail.com

Solera Singles Club | Monthly Activities Georgie D'Alessandro | (702) 914-0630 | georgied248@gmail.com

Table Tennis Club

Monday, Wednesday, Saturday | 8 a.m.-Noon; Sunday | 1:30-5 p.m. Steve Reed | (309) 696-5311

Veterans & First Responders Club | First Tuesday | 6:30 p.m. Robert Propp | (509) 220-6304 | robert.propp1@gmail.com

Water Volleyball Club

Wednesday | 5:30-7 p.m.; Saturday | 1-2:30 p.m. Susan Newman | (951) 850-2595 | sjntchr@aol.com

GROUPS

Billiards | Tuesday | 1:30-3:30 p m Ken Moser | (702) 401-7823 | chefmoser1@icloud.com

Bocce Ball Group | Monday & Wednesday | 9 a.m. Danny Mosher | (702) 524-8058 | dsmosher66@gmail.com

Book Group | Second Saturday | Noon Monica McAdams | (702) 371-6575 | monica0921@hotmail.com

Crafts and Stitches | Tuesday | 9 a.m. | Please drop by

Double Deck Pinocle Group Wednesday | 5-8 p.m.; Sunday | 4-7 p.m. Mike Sinclair | (360) 567-7664 | grizle@comcast.net

Genealogy Group | Every Other Thursday | 9-10:30 a.m. Celeste Guillory | soleragsig@gmail.com

Rummikub | Sunday | 1-4 p.m. Richard Kroeger | rkroeger22@yahoo.com

Tennis Group | Saturday | 7 a.m. Sam Misraji | (818) 207-1947

Trivia Group | Last Tuesday | 6-8 p.m. Rosemary Massey (907) 230-7945 | rosemarymassey2@gmail.com

HEALTH & FITNESS

Aquasize | Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday | 10 a.m. Diane Fimiano | Aquadiane1@aol com

Party Time Dance | Tuesday | Noon-1 p.m. Carol Page | (702) 205-0164 | carolpage11@yahoo.com

Power Walkers | Daily | 7:30 a.m. Cheryl Beaudry | (702) 823-5441

Solera Starz Cardio Class | Tuesday | 8:30 a.m. Candee Wolfe | (419) 230-9407; Ardena Golder | (702) 263-9770; Lorie Frigillana | (702) 487-5725

Solera Starz Dance Aerobics Monday, Wednesday, Friday | 8:30 a.m. Arda Reitter | (702) 462-6167; Carol Page | (702) 205-0164

Solera Starz Line Dancing | Monday | 4:30-6 p.m. Arda Reitter | (702) 462-6167; Carol Page | (702) 205-0164

Tai Chi Clinic | Monday & Thursday | 11:15 a.m. Ken Pavese | (702) 407-8111

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BY THE VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS CLUB



July 4th, 1776, the day that the Greatest Nation the world has ever known came into existence! Happy 247th birthday America.

July is also the 160th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, the turning point for the Union in the Civil War. This three-day battle, beginning on July 1 and ending on July 3, took 7,058 lives, 3,155 Union troops and 3,903 Confederate troops.

We wish the month of July was American Heritage Month, a month of celebration and patriotism for our Great Nation.

Let us all fly Old Glory in front of our houses. Let our community glow with our patriotism. We receive so many positive comments from people visiting our community and seeing the US flags flying in our community center parking lot. What a site to see!

In 2016 the club decided to make flags available to all of Solera to help promote patriotism, and that we

would request a minimum donation (just to cover the cost and freight). To date the club has provided over 500 flags to our residents in Solera (including the flags flown in our community center parking lot).

Our club has flags available. For a 6-foot white anodized aluminum spinner pole with a 3' x 5' super knit polyester flag we ask a donation of \$25 or more. A 3' x 5' replacement flag is \$5. Slightly weathered 3' x 5' flags previously flown in the parking lot are free, though donations are appreciated. Upon request, the club will repair your existing flag or flagpole at no charge, subject to stock on hand.

Should you want to take advantage of our club's flag offer, call Ray at (702) 558-8459.

The Solera Veterans and First Responder Club meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Stardust Room. All are welcome to attend. %





NEW PROGRAMS TO HELP **SENIORS** *HOWRU[™] EXPANDS TO 24-HOUR COVERAGE*

BY THE FOUNDATION ASSISTING SENIORS

Innovation is key to the Foundation Assisting Seniors as it continues to improve services and programs. Thus the HOWRU24 program being introduced this fall is a natural evolution of the already successful HOWRU program.

HOWRU provides a daily wellness call to ensure a senior is doing well at a time designated by the program subscriber. If there is no answer, emergency contacts are notified to follow-up.

To date, the program has saved at least 12 lives, a powerful demonstration of the program's effectiveness in identifying potentially life-threatening situations and taking swift action to prevent tragedy.

Beginning this fall, the program expands to HOWRU24 with a full line of 24-hour safety communications for seniors and veterans, including fall detection, real-time location, spoken word reminders, two-way voice calling, nationwide connectivity, emergency notifications, voice activation, geofencing, and waterproof capabilities.

Another exciting new initiative coming in this fall will be the Foundation's Pet Foster Program, which will provide a senior's pets temporary foster care for up to 30 days. This program will allow pet owners to receive in-patient treatment and care without worrying about the safety of their pets back home. The Foundation Assisting Seniors provides a range of valuable programs and services that are essential for senior citizens. From daily wellness calls to medication reminders and the provision of durable medical equipment, the foundation has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to enhancing the lives of seniors over 50 and veterans. The introduction of new programs like HOWRU24[™] and the Pet Foster Program further highlights the Foundation's dedication to improving the well-being of those who call southern Nevada home.

These new programs join the Medication Reminder Program and the loan of durable medical equipment to further enhance the lives of our older citizens and to bring peace of mind to their families.

To learn more about how the Foundation Assisting Seniors can help you or a loved one, visit the website at **www. foundationassistingseniors.org** or call (725) 244-4200.

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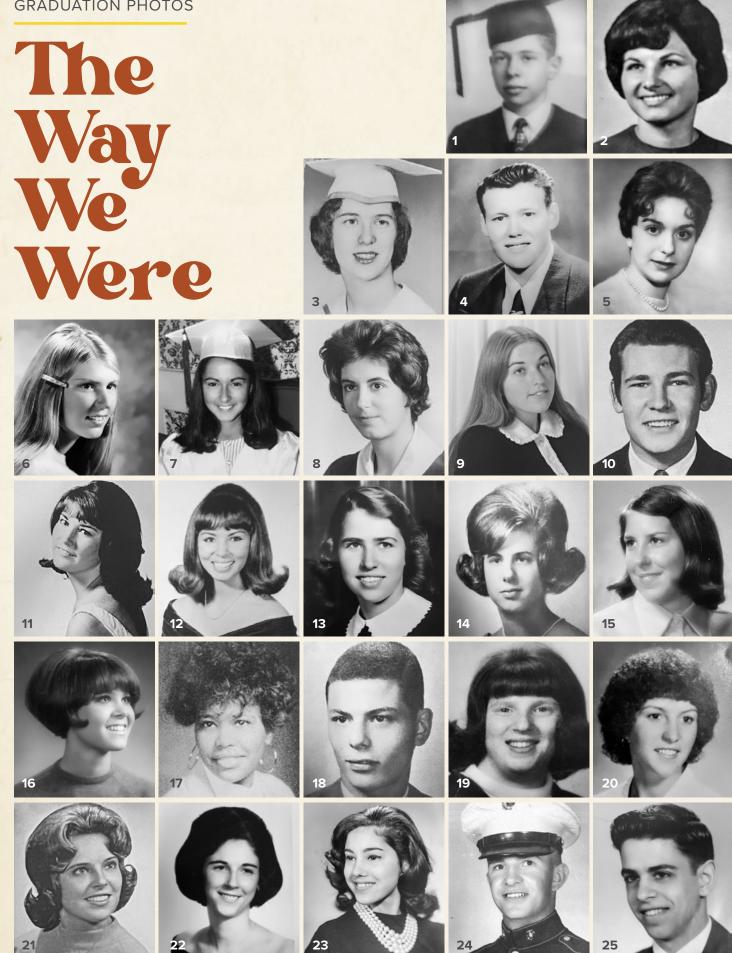
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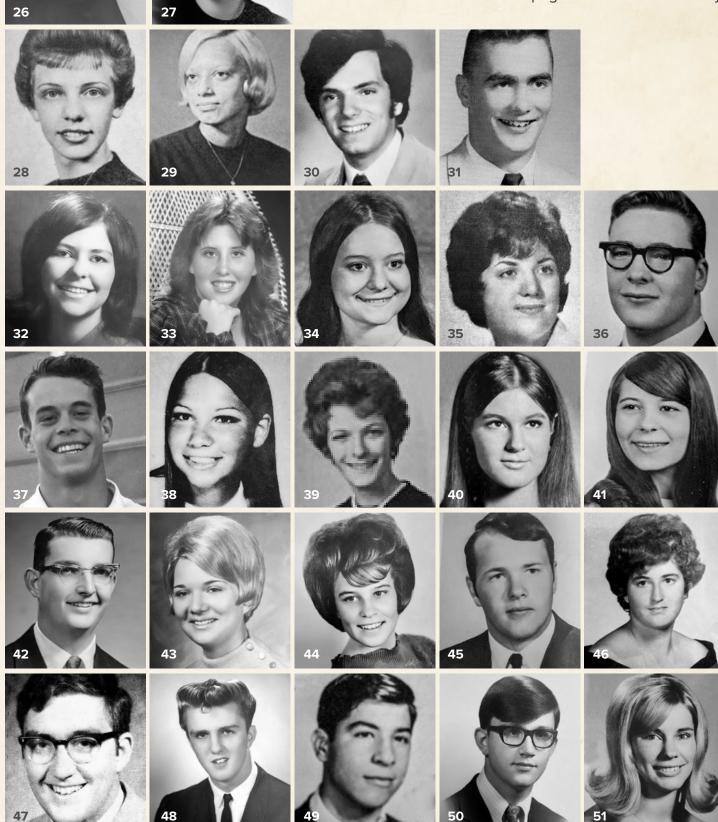
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GRADUATION PHOTOS

We're turning back the clock for this nostalgic issue of the *Solera Star*. Here are high school graduation photos submitted by Solera residents. Can you guess who's who? See page 27 for the answer key.



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A BOOMER CHILDHOOD

POLIO AND COLD WAR THREATENED OUR YOUNG LIVES

BY LARRY EDSALL

The majority of Solerans are part of the post-World War II Baby Boom generation, to that point the largest outburst of new children ever thrust onto the United States.

Not only was there a baby boom, but an economic boom as the nation turned its manufacturing power from weapons of war to sprawling new suburbs, modern appliances to fill those homes, and to such things as shiny new convertibles and station wagons.

Optimism reigned.

Or did it?

Despite what you may have learned from watching reruns of Leave It to Beaver or other television programs of the post-war era, childhood as a Baby Boomer wasn't all sandlot baseball and sock hops. Among the childhood memories of the boomer generation were the following:

Polio shots, of which you had to endure a series of three, often while standing in a line at your school. The alternative was to risk contracting a dreaded disease that could cripple you to the point where you would spend time in an "iron lung," a tube-shaped mechanical chamber that helped you keep breathing.

"Sputnik" is the Russian word for "satellite" and what became known as Sputnik I was the first man-made satellite to be launched into space and to orbit the Earth. It was launched by the Soviet Union in the fall of 1957.

I was 10 years old and remember standing, in awe and fascination, in our back yard and watching the orb move across the night sky like a shooting star in slow motion.

I also remember the fear Sputnik created in adults, knowing that the USSR was our post-war enemy and that Sputnik was an indication that Soviet science was winning the Cold War, especially after the failure of the launch in December 1957 of America's own Vanguard satellite.



Polio vaccine

Cold War was the name of the battle for global dominance between the USA and the USSR. It was termed "cold" because there was no direct, army vs. army fighting between the two superpowers, in part because each had developed nuclear weapons that, if used, had the potential to destroy mankind from much of the Earth.

However, cold did not mean without fear, and part of our schooling included bomb drills in which we would practice ducking beneath our desks. On one special occasion, we finally were led into our school's basement, perhaps because officials realized a desk would not protect anyone from the radiation released by an atomic bomb.

The threat of nuclear war also led to the popularity in the early 1960s of backyard fallout shelters, subterranean survival pods stocked with the supplies that might be needed to endure until however many half-lives of fallout might be needed until it was safe to emerge to whatever world was left after nuclear warfare. 🔆



Sputnik 1



School children learn to protect themselves in case of nuclear attack by practicing a duck-andcover drill in their classroom in 1951. **BettmannGetty** Imaaes

ONCE UPON A TIME

Editor's note: The August edition of the Solera Star will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the founding of our community. Among the resources our team used in producing that anniversary issue was a copy of Time magazine, which featured builder Del Webb on its August 3, 1962 cover. But since we have a nostalgia theme for this July issue, we're sharing some other bits — blasts from the past — from that magazine.

Sixty-one years ago, among the companies showcasing their latest products in advertisements in *Time* magazine were:

- · IBM with its new electric typewriters
- Bell Telephone Systems' improved speakerphone
- The fuel-sipping performance of Rambler automobiles
- Travel via Trans Canada and Qantas air lines
- Ford proclaiming that "one of the few maintenance jobs" needed on its vehicles was emptying the ash tray
- Mazola noting its margarine contains less saturated fat
- · Esso brand gasoline
- The P1800, a sports car from Volvo
- 4 3/4 percent interest on savings at Berkeley Savings and at California Federal Savings
- Public service success by member stations of the Westinghouse Broadcasting Company
- The magazine's back cover was a full-page advertisement for Benson & Hedges cigarettes.



Marilyn Monroe dies August 4, 1962 at the age of 36



Sophia Loren putting her hand prints into wet cement at Grauman's Chinese Theater in Hollywood.

News reported in that August 3, 1962 issue included:

- President Kennedy working in Washington while his wife, Jackie, was at Cape Cod
- Text of an address to the National Press Club by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King
- An update on the state of the Cold War and disarmament talks in Geneva
- A short report on a Virginia school district closing its doors rather than desegregating
- A major report on the newly independent African nations
- The latest news from West Germany (remember when the nation was divided by the Berlin Wall?)
- A woman in Arizona fighting in court so she could have an abortion
- A photo of Sophia Loren putting her hand prints into wet cement at Grauman's Chinese Theater in Hollywood
- A short report on Elvis Presley's new movie (movies already playing in theaters included the *Bird Man of Alcatraz* and *Lolita*)
- A report on the migration of beverage containers from bottles to metal cans
- News that the annual College All-Star Football Game would be televised Friday, August 3, on ABC (remember when the college all-stars would play the National Football League champion in a pre-season game? In 1962 the collegians faced the Green Bay Packers)

THE MILLENNIALS ARE COMING!

HOW SOON WILL THEY BE INVADING SOLERA?

BY LARRY EDSALL

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noun plural noun: millennials a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s; a member of Generation Y.

Solerans of a certain age likely remember the late-'60s television series *Lost in Space*. It stared Guy Williams (better known for his role of *Zorro* in the Disney shows), June Lockhart (Timmy's mother on the *Lassie* series), a young Angela Cartwright (fresh from her role in *The Sound of Music*) and Jonathan Harris as the whining Dr. Zachary Smith.

But perhaps your favorite character was the family robot, and its oft-repeated line, "Danger, Will Robinson!" In the spirit of that robot, we share this: "Danger, Solera! The Millennials are coming!"

OK, so they won't arrive until 2035 at the earliest, but that's still little more than a decade from now.

When sales of homes in the then-new Solera community began in the summer of 2003, the oldest of the Baby Boomers were 57 and thus eligible to join the Greatest and the Silent generations in occupying houses here. The youngest of the Greatests would have been nearly 80, Silents would have ranged from age 68 to 88.

While Boomers likely comprise the largest part of Soleran demographics, we're not getting any younger, and Generation X, aged 44 to 58, likely are a growing part of Solera's population.

That's fine. I've met a few and they seem to be reasonable folks who are bringing a youthful flair to the community.

However, I must conclude this piece with this warning: In 2035, the oldest of the Millennial generation turns 55 and might be moving in next door. \Rightarrow

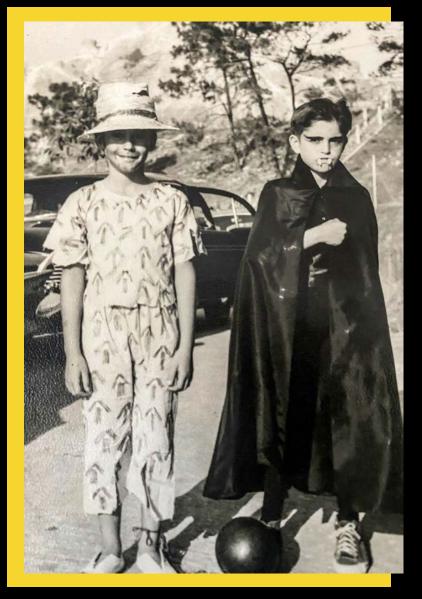
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REMEMBRANCE OF A PAST

THIS SOLERAN GREW UP AS A BOOMER, BUT ALSO OVERSEAS

BY FRED ADDI



That's Fred as Count Dracula (right) back in Hong Kong

We all know the saying you can't go home again. We may have different interpretations of just what that means, but for some of us it can be more literally than figuratively true. It occurred to me when reflecting on my upbringing that by the age of five my family had lived in three different countries on two different continents. This is not unique. Many who are raised into military families can probably share similar stories. In my case, it was not a military connection, but my father's job working for the British post office and being posted to various colonies at a time when such a thing still existed.

Of the three countries we lived in — Rhodesia, North Borneo and Hong Kong — only one remains to be found on a map. Rhodesia became independent and is present day Zimbabwe. North Borneo similarly detached itself from Britain and became Sabah. Hong Kong still exists but is most assuredly now a part of China despite what the citizens of Hong Kong may feel.

I was only three when we moved from Rhodesia, so any memories I have are almost certainly implanted ones although I am told the beauty of the country cannot be overstated. North Borneo does survive in my memory banks. I am reliably informed that I learned my ABCs by carving them out on a sandy beach under blood-red sunsets. My inability to fully grasp the letters F and K unfortunately ended any aspirations I have of writing a successful script for Netflix, but they seem to be doing fine without me.

Perhaps the most vivid memory of our days in Borneo occurred when I excitedly rushed to tell my parents that I had made a new friend out in our garden. Somewhat skeptically, my mother asked who and where and I brushed aside the tall grass to point to the colorful worm I had discovered. My mother shrieked the word "Snake!" loud enough to surprise the snake and startle me and, no doubt, send several neighbors toppling out of their chairs. I like to think it was a harmless garter snake, but I can appreciate her concern in not wanting to wait for independent verification. In any event, it is not something you forget and it did end any ambitions I had of befriending members of the reptile family.

THE WAY WE WERE

Fred's passport photo circa 1970s, when he was around 20 years old



Hong Kong proved to be the final posting in my father's career. We moved there in 1959 and by then it was the undisputed jewel in the crown of the rather tired remnants of a once mighty empire. It also turned out to be maybe the best possible place to grow up. Hong Kong at that time was a truly vibrant and multi-cultural city. Yes, it was a British Crown Colony, but the secret ingredient to the success of HK was the blending together of British stability and rule of law combined with a fierce and dedicated Chinese work ethic and entrepreneurship.

Not to belabor the point, but in the mid 1960s the per capita GDP of Hong Kong was more than six times that of mainland China. Of course, that meant nothing to us kids growing up there. We were just pleased to be in a safe, happy environment where parents were content to let their kids go out unsupervised and engage in behavior that even now strikes me as a tad reckless. Climbing trees is one thing, but I do recall climbing up four stories of bamboo scaffolding with neither a safety belt nor common sense when our apartments were being whitewashed.

1965 was decided as the year I would be packed off and sent to boarding school, in North Wales of all places. I guess my parents engaged in a quest to find the place in the UK with the worst weather and most unpronounceable names. I kid you not. You can actually visit a town with the name of Llanfairpwllgwyngyll in North Wales. Fortunately, my school was not located there or I may never have received any mail for the duration of my residence.

Boarding schools were considered the place to pack your kids off to that they may receive better education. Perhaps it was true, but mostly those of us sent to one had the suspicion that it had more to do to with parents wanting the freedom to indulge in cocktail parties without remembering to feed us.

In fairness my school did provide me with a decent education. Without it I may never have been able to rattle off the dates of Magna Carta or the Battle of Agincourt, two events that seem to come up in conversation all the time. It was also a school that, as most in Wales do, had an obsession with rugby. Basically, a form of American football without the silly protection of helmets and pads that you play on bitter cold days with the blissful expectation that, if you survive, you could enjoy a shower that was not hooked up to any hot water. No ostentatious creature comforts for lads in a public school!

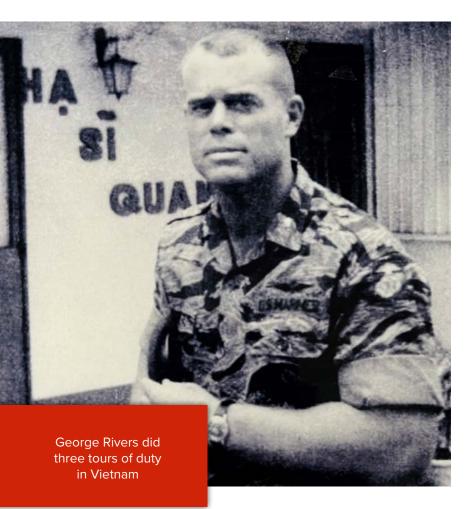
I guess that parents are the same the world over as our school of approximately 200 students had boys from perhaps 30 nations. Our mini United Nations blended together and you could actually learn quite a bit about different customs and habits when you are surrounded by that many nationalities. For instance, an English student would remember for months that he had once leant you a solitary cigarette, whereas my friend from Saudi Arabia would return from summer vacation with a suitcase bulging with American cigarettes that he would hand out to even the most casual acquaintance with such nonchalant indifference that it both shocked and warmed all of us. I do think the whole Middle East tension could have been ameliorated years ago if Prime Minister Menachem Begin had simply asked Yasser Arafat if he could borrow a Marlboro.

I cannot claim my childhood and adolescence was any better or worse than anyone else. All of us have unique upbringings. But there were more good days than bad, more happy than sad. And I did learn to read and write and grasp the fundamentals of basic arithmetic. Granted the practice or purpose of calculus eludes me, but ask me when the Battle of Trafalgar was and I will flippantly blurt out 1805 faster than you can look it up.

ON THE GROUND IN VIETNAM

SOLERAN GEORGE RIVERS SERVED THREE TOURS AT WAR

Editor's note: This issue of the Solera Star looks back at the way we were. But it wasn't all sock hops and milk shakes. There also was the Vietnam War. Soleran George Rivers, a Marine Corps veteran, was among those on the ground in Southeast Asia. He shared his memories during an interview with Larry Edsall.



I had three tours in Vietnam with three different units.

The first was with ARVN, the Army of the Republic of Vietnam. I was selected in 1964, before the big buildup, to be an advisor. We were sent to an Army school at Fort Bragg to learn how to be advisors and to learn the Vietnamese language. (At one time, I spoke four languages — English, Spanish, Arabic, and Vietnamese.)

From there, we were sent to Vietnam. The first week in Vietnam, we were in school, where the final speaker was Gen. Westmoreland.

"You're No. 1 job is body count," he said. "We need to know how many enemies we kill and how many weapons we capture."

That was pretty much the strategy in Vietnam.

Rivers was an advisor with the Vietnamese Army in 1965 and '66. In 1969 he waived his "control date" to return, and this time "to fight with U.S. Marines." On this tour, George became acting battalion commander with the 3rd Recon battalion.

It was a short tour. In combat, our battalion was close. It didn't make any difference in the color of our skin. We had a saying, "Same mud, same blood."

They pulled us out on November 10, 1969. We were sent to Okinawa, and the blacks, whites, and Hispanics would separate. The battalion became divided, and we had racial problems, and they affected the Marine Corps from 1969 to 1975. I waived my control date again to return to Vietnam, this time with the Vietnamese Marine Corps in 1970. They were well led; many of them had gone to schools in the U.S., at Parris Island and San Diego. Their commandant, Gen. Khang, a 3-star, devised a system so the dependents of the Vietnamese Marines were housed and taken care of. This made a big difference. The Marines didn't have to worry about their dependents. The Vietnamese Marines were good fighters. President Nixon allowed the U.S. advisors to go only 20 miles into Cambodia. Beyond that, the Vietnamese Marines were on their own, and they did well.

Rather than share details of the fighting, George offered a different kind of anecdote:

I was told I would lead an element into Cambodia, to take a brigade up the Mekong River. But the enemy had moved further north, so we only captured a warehouse full of beer. Five days later, the U.S. admiral running the operation wanted to see the beer. It was all gone!

But it wasn't all fun and games...

I lost a lot of good people. (Yes, I was wounded.) One time I was in one of two helicopters rushing emergency ammunition to the battle, and I looked over; the other helicopter was in flames, and everyone in it was killed.

And then there was the story of the Carnation milk. My Jeep was sandbagged (for safety) and would always go first, with my commander in the second Jeep behind us. On one operation, we'd run out of milk, and my Jeep stopped to wait for a new supply, but the commander became impatient and went ahead. Two hundred yards later, his Jeep was blown up, and all six people in it were killed. Among them was a 9-year-old named Lee, who my wife and I were going to adopt. His family had been slaughtered by the Viet Cong, and our battalion had swept him up.

Why, George was asked, why volunteer for Vietnam and then return for two additional tours?

Marines are fighters. You join the Marine Corps to fight. I was trained well. I was trained for what I did. We were trained by Marine veterans of the Korean War. They passed the baton to my generation, and we trained the next generation of Marines.

George Rivers seems destined for military service. His father was British, and his mother was an American whose father had fought in five wars and been the police chief of Manila. George's father was a Cambridge graduate working as chief executive of a company in Manila. George, his mother, and his sister were evacuated to California during World War II, and the home in which they'd been living was destroyed by Japanese bombers just days after Pearl Harbor. His father remained behind, volunteering to support the defense of the Bataan peninsula, where he died of dengue fever. In California, George's mother would remarry to an oil engineer, and the family moved to the Middle East for several years. They returned to the U.S., at first to Maryland, where George played high school football before joining famed coach Bud Wilkinson's Oklahoma Sooners for a couple of seasons, including a victory in the Orange Bowl game. George later attended Lehigh University, worked summer jobs for a metal mining company in Salt Lake City, and finally graduated from Brigham Young. He was set to go to Venezuela with U.S. Steel but was drafted and became a Marine.

I'm proud of my service in Vietnam, and I've been back twice. I went to some battlefields, including one where I was nearly killed. I went to a cafe, and the owner found out I was one of the U.S. advisors,

and in 20 minutes, I had 30 or 40 people around me, showing me their

war wounds. Americans are highly regarded there. The government is communist, but the economic system is capitalist. I've also met many Vietnamese people here who are proud citizens of our country.

Like so many others who served in Vietnam, George's homecoming wasn't a celebration with parades. He served as a military aide at the White House. He remembered the day he was helping at an event, and several people spit on his uniform. He also remembers a lecture at the Pentagon where he and others were told, "do not put anything about your military service" on their resumes. He retired from the Marine Corps at age 44. He traveled through Latin America, the Pacific Region, and Africa as a mining equipment representative with International Harvester.

George has been to 93 countries and lived in seven of them.

After his first wife died of cancer, he remarried and moved to Nevada. Like so many veterans, he has been treated for PTSD.

We were containing communism. That was our job. I felt that was a proper mission, and we were ready to win a war. Part of my PTSD is from a feeling of guilt that I was responsible for the deaths of those in my command. But the V.A. in this state has been wonderful to me. I feel very blessed. *****

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RECIPE EXCHANGE

LOADED **POTATO** PINWHEELS

Editor's note: The Recipe Exchange this month celebrates the 10th anniversary of Solera resident Glori Spriggs' Loaded Potato Pinwheels recipe being judged the best in the National Pillsbury Bake Off Competition.



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A DECADE AGO, A SOLERA RESIDENT WON THE NATIONAL PILLSBURY BAKE OFF BY NADYNE SWEETKO

"These are great!" Solera resident Glori Spriggs' daughter, Jennifer, exclaimed. "These are Bake Off good!"

The objects of Jennifer's delight were Glori's latest concoction, her recipe for Loaded Potato Pinwheels. But were they really Bake Off good?

Back when she lived in Santa Clarita, California, Glori had watched television coverage of the Pillsbury Bake Off, a national competition for cooks and bakers. The winner made a turkey sandwich on pizza dough and Glori thought, "I can do that."

So she tried. The competition was held every other year. Three times she submitted recipes, only to receive thanks but no thanks responses. Nonetheless, she tried again, submitting her recipe Loaded Potato Pinwheels recipe on May 9, 2013.

A few weeks later, a letter arrived, and this time she read: "Congratulations, you have been selected to be in our top one hundred recipes for the Pillsbury Bake Off in November of 2013." She immediately called her family and friends.

There were rules to follow for the national contest and Glori paid close attention to them. There were three categories to choose from: breakfast, dinner, or dessert/appetizers. You could use no more than seven ingredients from the Pillsbury Bake Off list. They were Pillsbury, Reynolds, Smucker's, Crisco, Green Giant, Jif, or Eagle Brand. Salt, pepper, water, and cooking spray were free ingredients.

The national event that year was scheduled for the Aria Resort in Las Vegas. Jennifer went with her mother, as did Glori's best friend, Randy, from California. After the morning check in, the contestants were shown to the room where they would be making their recipes the following day. The Bake-Off room had 100 ovens and 100 workstations, with all the dry ingredients on the contestant's workstation marked with their name. Ten contestants shared one of the 10 refrigerators where, again, your ingredients were marked with the contestant's name. Even your requested utensils were on your station along with any serving platters, measuring cups and measuring spoons. If you forgot to request something it was too late. You did without.

Contestants also were shown how to work their own ovens, and reminded to set them to the proper temperature so they would be ready when the ingredients were in place.

Enough ingredients were supplied to make the recipe three times, allowing contestants to remake the recipe if they were not happy with appearance, texture or might be under or overdone.

That evening, Bake Off sponsors hosted a cocktail party was held for contestants. Glori said it was a beautiful event.

The morning of the Pillsbury Bake Off. breakfast was held for the contestants and quests. Contestants were informed there would be blind judging of each recipe. No name, state or background would be given to the judges. Three judges would do preliminary evaluation, with selected dishes then to be judged by all nine judges, who would select the winners in each category, and then the overall grand national champion. Thus each contestant's serving platter or tray had to have enough pieces of your recipe for tasting for the first three judges and, if you advanced, for the nine judges. Twenty-eight pieces were on Glori's serving platter when the runner carried it to the judging room.

Glori admits she was nervous early in the day but once she started cooking, she became calm. She made her first batch, but decided to repeat and was happy with the second set and that went to be judged. Results would be announced at an evening dinner banquet. Glori told me she was just happy to have her recipe accepted and to experienced the event.



Note from Nadyne: These Loaded Potato Pinwheels are appealing to look at and taste even better. You can taste each ingredient since they are evenly distributed as the crescent rolls are wrapped to be baked. The topping of sour cream and chives accents the baked potato flavor.

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At the banquet, five honorable mention recipe winners were announced first, and then a breakfast category winner was announced. Glori was seated with her daughter and best friend when she heard her name called as the winner of the appetizer category. Ignoring her daughter and friend, she jumped up and ran to the stage, where she was handed a golden dough boy statue.

Next came the big announcement, "Glori Spriggs of Henderson, Nevada, is the 2013 Pillsbury Bake Off Champion."

Glori heard her daughter scream and realized she was the champion. She hugged the announcer/host, Bravo television Top Chef host Padma Lakshmi, and then was congratulated by all nine judges and the other contestants, with Jennifer and Randy joining her on stage.

From the stage, Jennifer called her grandmother to tell her that her daughter had won the national baking competition.

Glori was escorted from the stage to a press conference, and was informed that she would be appearing the next morning on the Queen Latifah television show in Los Angeles. She and her guests would be flying to LA on General Mills' private plane. She would make her winning recipe with Queen Latifa on the show — and not to worry because all the ingredients would be waiting for her.

As another part of her prize, Glori was told her recipe for Loaded Potato Pinwheels would be printed for one year on all packages of Pillsbury's Crescent Rolls. One day, on a trip to pick up groceries, her daughter and granddaughter, Laila, were in the refrigerated section of the store. Laila picked up a package and screamed, "Grandma is on the package!"

After being held on an every-other-year basis, the Bake Off went annual for 2014 and, as the reigning champion, Glori was invited to attend the 2014 event in Nashville, Tennessee, and with her daughter and Randy as well. In Nashville, Glori met a contestant from New Orleans, Louisiana. The woman told Glori that she wanted to meet her because she had watched Glori's victory in Las Vegas and the press conference. She told Glori that she was so impressed with her interview and how she came across as such a down to earth person. They immediately became friends and have visited each other over the years.

Glori Spriggs moved to Solera in 2008 after she retired from the California State Highway Patrol dispatch center. She wanted to be closer to family which had relocated to Henderson in 2004.

Glori told me she is a home cook and has no formal training in cooking or baking. She just saw something she thought she could do and set her mind to it. She was the first to win the Pillsbury Bake Off Champion title in the appetizer division since the contest started in 1949. The Bake Off continues and is still happening, with variations. It is not too late to read the official rules and enter. We could be featuring you and your recipe next year! For details, visit

www.pillsbury.com/bake-off-contest/rules.

RECIPE EXCHANGE

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LOADED POTATO PINWHEELS









Prep: 20 minutes Total time: 45 minutes Servings: 28

INGREDIENTS

1 bag (11.8 oz.) frozen backyard grilled potatoes

- 1 1/4 cup (5 oz.) finely shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup cooked real bacon bits (from a jar or package)

3 tbsp milk

1 can (8 oz.) refrigerated Pillsbury Original Crescent Dough Sheet or 1 can (8 oz.) refrigerated Pillsbury Original Crescent Rolls (8 count)

- 1/3 cup sour cream
- 2 tbsp finely chopped green onion tops (3 medium)

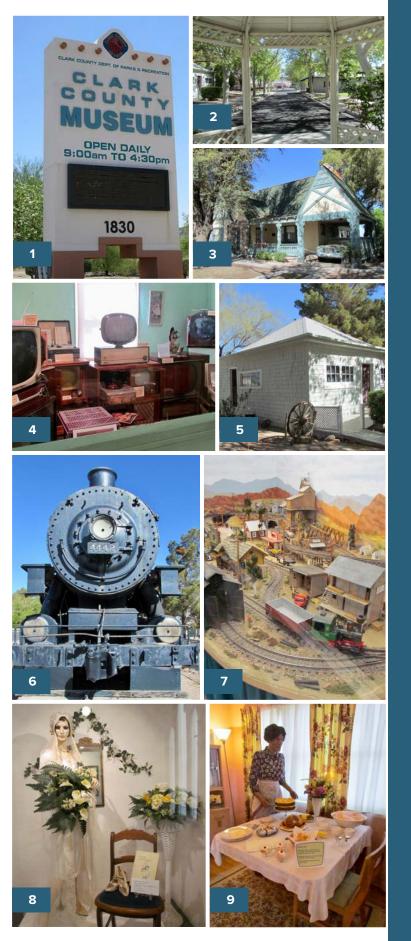
INSTRUCTIONS

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Spray 2 large cookie sheets with Crisco Original No-Stick Cooking Spray. Microwave frozen potatoes 3 to 4 minutes to thaw. In medium bowl, with fork, mash potatoes, leaving some small pieces. Stir in cheese, 1/3 cup of the bacon bits and the milk until well blended.

If using crescent dough sheet, unroll dough on cutting board; press into 14x8-inch rectangle. If using crescent rolls, unroll dough on cutting board, press into 14x8-inch rectangle, firmly pressing perforations to seal. Cut into 2 rectangles, 14x4-inch each. Spread half of the potato mixture on one rectangle to within 1/4 inch of long edges. Starting at one long side, tightly roll up dough; pinch seams to seal. Using serrated knife, cut roll into 14 slices. Place slices, cut side up, on cookie sheets. Repeat with remaining dough and filling.

Bake 17 to 20 minutes or until golden brown. Immediately, remove from cookie sheets to serving plate. Top each pinwheel with sour cream, remaining bacon bits and the green onions. Serve warm. x

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CLOSE TO HOME

YOU **CAN** GO **HOME** AGAIN (**SORT** OF)

A VISIT TO CLARK COUNTY MUSEUM TAKES YOU BACK IN TIME STORY AND PHOTOS BY LARRY EDSALL

It may be impossible to go back to visit your childhood home, or the grandparents' homes you enjoyed so much when you were young. But the next-best thing is available, and it takes less than a 20-mile drive to turn back the clock.

Your destination is the Heritage Court at the Clark County Museum, located at 1830 South Boulder Highway, right here in Henderson.

The museum has an amazing array of historical artifacts and displays that reflect the history of our area, including a collection of historic homes that have been transplanted to create Heritage Court. Those homes include:

- The Townsite House, an example of the sort of worker housing created in 1941 when the US was on the brink of entering World War II and needed magnesium for aircraft, bombs and ammunition. Basic Magnesium Inc. was created to use the power from nearby Hoover Dam to process magnesite ore brought down from Gabbs, Nevada.
- Babcock/Wilcox House, built in 1933 in Boulder City to house employees building the dam.
- Giles/Barcus House, a one-room mining boomtown home originally erected in Goldfield in 1924 but moved to Las Vegas in 1955 for use as an antiques store.
- Goumond House, which dates to 1931 and is one of two houses on the court which notes domestic help – in this case an African-American cook, one of the few jobs in the 1950s available for Black women in Las Vegas.
- Beckley House, reportedly the last "pioneer home" in downtown Las Vegas. Built in 1912, it was moved to the museum location in 1979. (It, too, features mannikins representing domestic helpers.)

The homes are furnished with period-correct items, so as you stroll through time inside you'll go from a Victrola to radio to a television showing Walter Cronkite's image on its screen, just like at your grandparents' home.

But wait, there's more: The court includes the Reynolds Print Shop (a collection of equipment used for printing everything from handbills to newspapers), the Candlelight Wedding Chapel, and a gazebo.

The museum's primary exhibit hall traces from the pre-history of the region to the original Native American inhabitants, the mining era, the early explorers and settlers, the camp on Las Vegas Creek, the riverboat industry, and the history of Las Vegas, including gambling, weddings, and atomic testing (the mushroom clouds could be seen from downtown Vegas).

Outside, in addition to Heritage Court, there are displays of railroading, farming, mining equipment and even a ghost town and nature trail.

The Clark County Museum is open daily from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. except on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for seniors and children. For more information, visit **www.clarkcountynv.gov.**

Want to see still more? The county also operates the Cannon Aviation Museum inside Harry Reid International Airport and the Searchlight Museum at 200 Michael Wendell Way in Searchlight, Nevada. ⅔

- 1. Tall sign on South Boulder Highway marks the museum entrance
- 2. The view down Heritage Court from inside the gazebo
- 3. That's a 1959 Studebaker Lark parked at the Goumond House
- 4. In the Goumond House you'll find a display of home entertainment equipment pre-iPhone and streaming video
- 5. Yes, that's an outhouse near the back door of the Giles/Barcus House, built in 1924
- 6. Locomotive 4442 greets museum visitors. More rail cars, including a caboose to tour, are located next to the old Boulder City Depot, built in 1931 and moved to the museum site in the 1970
- 7. Among the displays in the train station are a couple of model railroads reliving the days of Nevada mining boom
- 8. One of the displays inside the Candlelight Wedding Chapel
- **9.** A maid prepares a meal. The card on the table explains that in the 1950s, domestic help was one of the few jobs available for Black women in Las Vegas, and the Goumonds had both a maid and a cook

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Hello Solera Homeowners!

Happy Fourth of July! In the midst of the fireworks, barbecues, and celebrations, we should all take a moment to honor the men and women who fought and fight for the freedom that we are celebrating. May we all feel united at this time in our reverence for these individuals.

Solera has been enjoying a strong real estate market for the past few months, with 38 closed sales in the first five months of 2023, and 8 additional pending sales as of June 1st. Below is a list of the available properties for sale and for rent as of the beginning of June (including those with pending offers and applications). If you are curious about what your home could sell or rent for, please reach out to me. I will be happy to provide you with the up-to-theminute market data that you need. I will be here to help you when you need me!



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Homes listed for sale as of 06/01/2023:

Address	List Price	Approx Liv Area	Model	Address	List Price	Approx Liv Area	Model
2509 Jade Sky ST	\$362,000	1142	Lewis	2600 Red Planet ST	\$419,900	1425	Fremont
2514 Darda ST	\$349,000	1142	Lewis	2560 Crater Rock ST	\$460,000	1768	Franklin
2428 Ashen Light DR	\$373,000	1142	Lewis	2449 Cosmic Ray PL	\$474,999	1768	Franklin
2351 Tranquil Moon ST	\$370,000	1248	Clark	2520 Solera Sky DR	\$525,000	1768	Franklin
2321 Celestial Moon ST	\$385,000	1248	Clark	2465 Erastus DR	\$549,000	1768	Franklin
2416 Ashen Light DR	\$415,000	1425	Fremont	2496 Comet Cloud CT	\$585,000	1768	Franklin
2445 Erastus DR	\$400,000	1425	Fremont	2600 Icy Moon ST	\$434,900	1768	Franklin
2348 Apparition ST	\$369,000	1425	Fremont	2432 Hamonah DR	\$440,000	1768	Franklin

Homes listed for rent as of 06/01/2023:

Address	List Price	Approx Liv Area	Model
2521 Starlight Valley ST	\$1,800	1142	Lewis
2484 Ashen Light DR	\$1,849	1142	Lewis
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