



# Hi, Five



The newsletter of Association Five for all our Friendly Valley neighbors

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**New roofs** – The auditorium has a new roof, as does the breezeway between the auditorium and



the office. A coat of weatherproof sealant was applied before the new shingles were laid on Thursday and Friday. Soon those new shingles will be hidden beneath an array of solar panels helping to generate 21<sup>st</sup> Century energy for our Recreational Complex. The roof over the Annex



and associated rooms still has holes. They were put there so that wires, conduits, and air ducts for the new, modern HVAC system (heating-ventilating-air-conditioning) could be installed. Those holes will soon be closed, and a new roof will be applied to that building. The entire Project is on schedule to be completed by June 30. When the current health crisis is over and we are allowed to return to our usual activities, we will be able to enjoy the comforts and efficiencies of the Modern Age. 😊

**No more coyote highway** – This brand new fence at the back of a cul-de-sac on Oak Plain



Drive has cut off a favorite path for a variety of wild critters. Local residents have seen bobcats, mountain lions, raccoons, and coyotes taking this shortcut from the golf course to the hills above. Once a pack of seven coyotes loped through this driveway interrupting an afternoon tea party.

**Senior shopping hours** – There were some errors in this list last time. The following have been verified as of May 20. Phone nos are 661.

- Albertson's                      Daily                      6am – 7am  
296-9655                      (Bouquet Canyon)
- Costco                              M – F                      9am – 10am  
250-2818
- Ralph's                              Daily                      6am – 7:30am  
252-6226
- Smart & Final                      Tu Th                      6am – 8am  
255-9822                      Lyons
- Stater Bros                      Tu Fr                      7am – 8am  
298-7988
- Target                              Tu We                      8am – 9am  
977-5154                      (Golden Valley)  
254-8001                      (Magic Mountain)
- Trader Joe's                      Daily                      8am – 9am  
263-3796
- Vallarta                              Daily                      7am – 8am  
260-1110                      Lyons
- Vons                                  Daily                      6am – 7am  
296-0031                      (Bouquet Canyon)  
259-9214                      (Lyons)
- Walmart (pick-up)              Daily                      7am – 8am
- Whole Foods                      Daily                      7am – 8am  
260-2377
- 99 Cents Only                      Tu Th                      7am – 8am  
284-1999                      (Lyons)

**Virus of the Century** – Does this sound familiar? Twenty-two cases of the virus on Monday, 36 on Tuesday, 64 on Wednesday, and 200 on Thursday. By the end of the week, the mayor of Los Angeles banned all public gatherings, and closed all schools, colleges, churches, and amusement facilities “until further notice”. By the end of the following year, 2,713 Angelenos had died from this virus, as had about 700,000 Americans across the country. We’re talking about the Spanish flu of 1918-1919. Mayor Fredrick Woodman’s decisive action was credited with giving L.A. one of the country’s lowest big-city mortality rates during that pandemic. Compared to San Francisco, for example, L.A.’s per capita death rate was 25% lower. As today, the forced sheltering was not without objections. Movie theaters, among others claimed it was ruining business.

**Fridays with the Professors** – Only two more sessions left in this term, both being held by videoconferencing. June 5: “How to Sleep Better”; June 12: “The PLACE Project and Our Community”. To “attend” any of these events, you must be on the group’s email list so you can be sent the instructions for joining each event. Send your request to [FGJordan@socal.rr.com](mailto:FGJordan@socal.rr.com).

**A shy but helpful local resident** – My neighbor discovered this garter snake in the gutter on



Avenue of the Oaks by the Scenic Hills golf course. With a little coaxing, he was persuaded to pose for a picture, although he still tried to hide his head in the shadow. Garter snakes come in several varieties and colors, but always have three longitudinal stripes with a pleasing pattern of mottled spots between the stripes. They are one of the most common snakes in North America and are considered helpful in that they eat mice and other small rodents. In fact they’ll eat almost any animal of the right size. Some say the name comes from their resemblance to garters that men used to wear in olden times. Others say it is a corruption of the German word for garden. In fact, they are often misnamed as garden snakes. The one shown here was between three and four feet long, a little longer than average. It hurried away into the golf course after the picture. If you encounter our friend, just leave him alone, and don’t let your dog go after him. Of course, if you see a snake and can’t be sure what kind it is, call Security.

**Street cleaning** – Have you noticed that the city street sweeper never comes to Friendly Valley? It was deemed inordinately expensive to use a street sweeper, so our community relies on the gardeners to clean the streets and the yards. Still, that means that some trash can lie around for as much as a week – maybe even longer –

before being picked up. While it’s true that we are cleaner than a good many residential areas, things could be better, and without much effort. On your daily walk, consider carrying a bag with you once in a while so you can pick up any refuse that you see. Wash your hands afterwards.

**Does this sound familiar?** – “I’m Fine”

•There's nothing whatever the matter with me.  
I'm just as healthy as I can be.

I have arthritis in both my knees  
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze.  
My pulse is weak and my blood is thin  
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

•I think my liver is out of whack  
And a terrible pain is in my back.  
My hearing is poor, my sight is dim,  
Most everything seems to be out of trim.  
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

•I have arch supports for both my feet,  
Or I wouldn't be able to go on the street.  
Sleeplessness I have night after night,  
And in the morning I'm just a sight.  
My memory is failing, my head's in a spin.  
I'm peacefully living on aspirin  
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

•The moral is, as this tale we unfold,  
That for you and me, who are growing old,  
It's better to say "I'm fine" with a grin  
Than to let them know the shape we're in.

*Attributed to Cardinal Cushing*

### **Body Parts**

Where can a man buy a cap for his knee  
Or a key for a lock of his hair?  
Could you call his eyes academies  
Because there are pupils there?  
Where are the jewels from the crown of his  
head;  
Who travels the bridge of his nose?  
Do the calves of his legs get hungry at times  
And devour the corns of his toes?  
Can the crook of his elbow be sent to jail?  
Where’s the shade from the palm of his hand?  
How does he sharpen his shoulder blades?  
I’ll be darned if I understand.

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**Challenging message** – Submitted by Ruth Gauthier. Try it before you use the key.  
7H15 M3554G3 53RV35 7O PR0V3 H0W 0UR M1ND5 C4N D0 4M4Z1NG 7H1NG5! 1MPR3551V3  
7H1NG5! 1N 7H3 B3G1NN1NG 17 WA5 H4RD BU7 N0W, BY 7H15 TIM3 Y0UR M1ND 1S  
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C3R741N P30PL3 C4N R3AD 7H15.

**Key to decoding the challenging message** – 1 = I; 3 = E; 4 = A; 5 = S; 7 = T; U = YOU.