



# Hi, Five



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**Just to clarify** – Commercial filming will continue here in FV. We just won't allow any such project that puts our office out of business for any length of time, as it did last month.

**Super blood-red wolf moon** – This photo of the total lunar eclipse two weeks ago was taken by my granddaughter, Lisa Douglass, in Texas, shortly after 10pm (8pm PST) before totality. Email subscribers are seeing the picture in full color. 😊 If you want to join them, let us know by email.



**What's in a name?** – A "super" moon is a full moon that occurs when the moon is at or near its closest to earth, and thus appears slightly larger. A "blood-red" or simply "blood" moon is so-named because the light that reaches the moon during an eclipse is both absorbed and refracted by the earth's atmosphere. The red components get through better than the blue and yellow. "Wolf" is one of the names given by American Indians to the January full moon.

**Names for full moons** – Many special names have been applied to the full moons that occur throughout the year. Reasons are largely speculative. Here are some of them.

- January: wolf, old, ice.
- February: snow, storm, hunger
- March: worm, chaste, death, crust, sap
- April: pink, sprouting grass, egg, fish
- May: flower, hair, corn planting, milk
- June: strawberry, rose, hot
- July: buck, thunder, hay
- August: sturgeon, green corn, grain, red
- September: harvest, corn, barley
- October: hunter's, travel, dying grass
- November: beaver, frost
- December: cold, log night, oak

Source: National Geographic website

**Chorus, anyone?** – In the last issue of *Hi Five*, Maryalys Hill lamented the absence of a chorus here in FV. That article elicited another lamenter of the same subject. Are there any more? Perhaps there is a former music teacher

who would like to revive a dormant skill and start such a group. *Hi Five* will help with advertising. Just let us know.

**Our gymnasium** – The FV gym is equipped



with 14 pieces of major exercise machines. It has two treadmills, two weight machines, one elliptical, multiple stationary bikes, and several rowing machines. It also has varying sizes of dumbbells and barbells and a balance scale to keep accurate track of your weight. The gym is open every day from 6am to 10pm, except for cleaning on Thursdays from 12:30 to 1:00pm. There is a television to occupy your mind (or at least your eyes and ears) while your body is working. Wear rubber-soled shoes, and sign in and out on the log sheet that is under the TV. It's always a good idea to check with your doctor before starting an exercise program.



**Try something different!** – Join the Ceramics Club on Wednesday, Feb 13, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. for a ceramics techniques class. From the owners of *In The Kiln Pottery Studio*, you'll learn how to do *sgraffito* – carving a design into a piece that will be fired and can be treasured for years. \$30 fee pays for supplies and guidance. Visit [www.FriendlyValleyCountryClubWebsite.com](http://www.FriendlyValleyCountryClubWebsite.com). Click on [CONTACT ASSNS](#) > [Clubs and Groups](#) > [Ceramics](#) for photos and more information, or call Judy at 661-713-9276. Deadline for sign-up is 2/8/19 so adequate supplies will be on hand.

**Fridays with the Professors** – The new term is starting this Friday, Feb 8, 1:00pm in the FV Church. Two members of the College of the Canyons student government will discuss its role in the college experience and some recent social/cultural events held at the college.

**Conservation, anyone?** – Friendly Valley has its own group of concerned residents and friends who are part of a nonprofit, nonpartisan, grassroots advocacy, national and international organization, Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL). You are welcome. Meet at the home of Cher Gilmore (661-251-1718) each month on second Saturdays, 10 AM – 12 PM, for tea & crumpets and a conference call with the head office in Coronado, CA. Groups around the US and Canada listen in. CCL Executive Director speaks on current concerns and events followed by a guest speaker on environmental issues.

**Little Theater** – FV Little Theater group has lots of laughs and audience-pleasing numbers lined up for this year's annual Variety Show, scheduled for Apr 6-7 (2pm), Apr 12 (7pm) and Apr 13-14 (2pm). There are still opportunities for interested, curious FV residents ready to break into the world of entertainment gently by helping behind the scenes with props, lights, curtain, wardrobe, makeup or ticket-taking. Call Doris at 661-298-0207. Join our little group if you dare, but for sure save the dates and join us for the fun.

**Big blue/little blue** – In Assn 5 we pay for our trash pickup by renting the blue barrels from Waste Management. Currently three sizes are in use: 35, 64, and 96 gallons. You are entitled to use the size that you need. However, you should know that the Assn pays less for the smallest than for the two larger sizes. About half of our residents use the 35-gal barrel, saving the treasury over \$2500 per year. If you have one of the larger sizes but are using less than half the space each week, you could add to that savings amount. Turn in a Request Form (in the office or on-line) saying "I want a small blue trash barrel."

**Gardening emergency** – A "gardening emergency" is any event or situation that causes or allows water to be wasted in extravagant amounts. A broken pipe or missing sprinkler head will allow water to gush out at one spot whenever the controlling valve is open. Since this is usually at night, Security often notices and reports the event. But you may notice in the

morning a particularly wet area or pool of water that isn't usually there. A stuck valve is another source of wastefulness. In this case, water for an entire zone (perhaps a dozen sprinklers) will continue to run indefinitely until the valve is manually shut off or cleaned. If you observe one of these problems, call the FV office (during business hours) or Security (at other times). They will contact the right party.

**Take care of your trees** – The trees and bushes that are rooted in your backyard (inside your fence) are your responsibility. If your plants do damage to either a fence or a roof (yours or your neighbor's), you will be responsible for the cost of repairs. Now is the time for pruning, so check your trees and take care of them.

**Repaving Friendly Valley Parkway** – Weather permitting, this monumental task will begin on Feb. 18. Each side of the divided road will be closed for a whole week. The last *Villager* had the schedule on the front page. It could be a trying time, if we let it. For two weeks you will be stuck in the same incoming line of traffic with visitors who must be vetted by Security. Here are some ideas to ease the burden and save our tempers. Plan ahead to do multiple errands on one trip. Use the Whispering Leaves gate whenever possible. Tell your visiting friends about the rerouting of traffic so they don't get surprised and try to come in on the wrong side. Warn delivery people. Consider putting off a delivery that can wait until March 4. Most important, keep your cool and obey the signs that will be posted. We'll get through it.



*Person walking in Satchari Nat'l Park, Bangladesh  
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**Wise or Otherwise**

Don't ever run with a bagpipe. You might put out an aye. Worse yet, you might get kilt.