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OF THE MONTH
LOUISE THOMAS
LIVES ON WHALEBACK

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TURNING NEIGHBORHOODS INTO COMMUNITIES
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BUYING OR SELLING YOUR PEACE OF MIND IS MY GOAL
Happy Spring

Happy Spring. Things should be warming up, people should be receiving their COVID-19 shots. Be sure to look for information on the Car show coming up. Jon Bradford owner of Tanque Verde Motors is sponsoring the Second Annual Ventana Golf and Racquet Club Car Show. In addition to sponsoring the event TVM will be showing some cars from their inventory as well as promoting their extensive car detailing services.

We have some new advertisers Sybil’s Kitchen Food Delivery. She is promoting their extensive car detailing services and we have new advertisers. Columbus Glass has renewed their support of this publication. We have some new advertisers Sybil’s Kitchen Food Delivery. She is promoting their extensive car detailing services. The intent and focus of this publication has always been and will continue to support their businesses and thank them for their continued support. We continue to be bringing the residents of Ventana Canyon closer together as neighbors through introducing you to each other. Of course, paper, ink, and postage are very expensive, so this magazine is entirely supported by the generous consideration of those who have ads in the publication. Please continue to support their businesses and if you remember, mention that you saw them here.

THANK YOU to each and every member of Ventana Canyon whether I have met you personally or not. I look forward to our meeting.

Bob Chasan
This home is one of the most stunning ones in the Lake Estates. It is spacious and light, with a very flexible floor plan.

With 2505 square feet, the house features four bedrooms, three full baths plus a powder room. The front courtyard offers a sheltered, set back entrance which provides privacy and helps keep any street noises away. Upon opening the front door, one is greeted by a bright great room with a soaring cathedral ceiling and a huge wall of windows. The fireplace is a welcoming as well as useful feature for cooler nights. A wet bar makes for handy entertaining. It is mirrored and lighted to display glassware, artwork or trophies and awards.

The kitchen is as deluxe as they come. It features high-end stainless steel appliances, including a counter depth refrigerator and an upgraded gas stove, and granite countertops. The decorative tile backsplash adds a designer touch to the kitchen. There is an abundance of storage for pots, pans, dishes, small appliances and other kitchen paraphernalia and miscellaneous gadgets for cooking. Both a breakfast bar and a breakfast nook can accommodate a couple or a large family. The skylights make it bright and filled with sunshine. A separate pantry accommodates cans of food, special use appliances, large platters and oversized pots. It is spacious enough to hold miscellaneous kitchen items like placemats, extra bottles of exotic vinegars and olive oils or even pet food. There is a separate formal dining room off the kitchen for holiday get-togethers, large dinners or special occasion parties.

The owner’s suite is spacious, with two oversized walk-in closets. Numerous built-ins provide storage for books, photographs, special mementos as well as clothing and accessories. The adjacent bathroom has a twelve-foot granite vanity with double sinks. The master, also, opens on to a lovely red brick patio.

This home has plenty of living space – with three bedroom suites with their own private bathrooms. It, also, has two home offices, both with large custom-made built-in desks with file drawers and more than ample storage. The other office, in addition, has a murphy bed. Any guests, home students or in-laws would be delighted to be there. The mirrored powder room is like a little jewel box, with shiny reflections all around, even on the ceiling, and a designer glass sink.

The beauty inside the house is matched, if not exceeded, by the view. It showcases the greens of the Ventana Golf & Racquet Club as well as the sparkling city lights of downtown Tucson. What amazing sunrises and sunsets can be seen from the backyard or from the comfort of the great room. The Santa Catalina Mountains are in the background. The backyard courtyard is very private and quiet. Relaxing there after a hectic day is an oasis of tranquility.

Extras in this beautiful house include plantation shutters and fresh paint (on ceilings and doors) and ceiling fans. There is ceramic tile throughout. Details like the elegant hardware on the doors and in the bathrooms must be seen in person to be fully appreciated. In addition to a 2-car garage, there is a separate golf cart garage. All-in-all this is Ventana community living at its best!

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There are many types of window coverings – roller shades, blinds, drapes, roman shades – just to name a few. By the way, do you know the difference between a blind and a shade? The answer is below. Most of the types of window coverings can be motorized and automated. The most common type for motorization is the roller shade. This is probably the most simple and elegant approach, and they come in a variety of fabrics that go with pretty much any décor. Many people use roller shades for the light control aspects, but supplement them with other window treatments along the top and/or sides of the windows if additional aesthetic decoration is called for. Other types of shades, such as draperies or roman shades, can also be motorized, but are not seen as often. They tend to cost a bit more as well, which is perhaps one reason why they’re not as popular as the roller shades.

Why Automate?
You may be thinking to yourself, why do I need to automate my shades? It’s not that difficult to manually raise and lower my shades! But, again, in most modern homes, you probably have a couple of dozen window coverings. Raising and lowering each one manually is more than an inconvenience – it’s a pain in the you-know-what. In some cases, it can actually be physically difficult. We have some big wooden blinds in our house that take two men and a boy to raise up. So we generally just adjust the slats to be able to at least see the view a bit (This is a clue to my question above, by the way!).

Another reason to automate is to protect your interior. If you leave the windows uncovered or the shades up, the sun can seriously damage your interior. Fading and drying/cracking are common problems, especially in Arizona! With an automated shade system, you can set it such that the shades close after sunrise and open right before sunset, all based on your GPS location!

Finally, you may want to make sure nobody is looking in your house – whether you’re there or not. Having the ability to close all your shades from a remote location offers tremendous peace of mind.

What About Power?
Most motorized shading systems require a low-voltage wire be run to where the shades are (typically 48V), but even if you can’t get power to your location, all is not lost. Many shades are available with battery power. These typically last three years or more with typical use, so you won’t have to be changing batteries constantly!

Summary
Automated shades are definitely a luxury, but once you have them, much like automated lights, it’s difficult to ever go back to manual ones! I strongly recommend getting started with just a few – replace whichever manual shades you use the most in your homes. Make sure they’re properly tied into your automation system if possible, but there is generally a separate app/controller if you don’t have that yet. Then just enjoy the views and light and protection that you suddenly have!

(The answer to my question above is that shades just go up and down, blinds also go up and down, but also allow adjustment of the light control once they are down – e.g., wooden blind slats can be adjusted in angle.)
A GREAT VEGAN RECIPE!

spaghetti with Mushroom Bolonese sauce

Although not a vegan, Barbara decided to make this recipe for one of her good friends who does eat only plant-based foods. It turned out quite tasty, according to both Barbara and her vegan friend. It uses these different kinds of mushrooms plus eggplant and carrots to create a very satisfying dish with lots of flavor. However, Barbara, who likes meat, said “I would only cook it, again, if I find another vegan friend, which I doubt!” It is time-consuming and takes a lot of pots and pans to prepare. For some, it is worth it, though.

INGREDIENTS

¼ dried porcini mushrooms
6 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 small onion, cut into ¼ inch diced
2 medium carrots, peeled and cut into ¼ inch dice
1 baby eggplant (8 ounces), peeled and cut into ¼ inch dice
1 pound cremini mushrooms, one-fourth sliced, the rest cut unto ½ inch dice
8 ounces shiitake mushrooms, stemmed, caps cut into ¼ inch dice
Kosher salt
Pepper
5 garlic cloves, minced
¼ teaspoon powdered oregano
2 tablespoons tomato paste
Splash of red wine
One 28-ounce can diced tomatoes
1 thyme sprig
1/2 teaspoon white sugar
12 ounces spaghetti
2 tablespoons chopped parsley

DIRECTIONS

1. In a small bowl, cover the porcini with 1 cup of boiling water, soak until softened, about 30 minutes. Finely chop the porcini, discarding any tough pieces. Pour off and reserve ½ cup of the soaking liquid.

2. In a large Dutch oven, heat 2 tablespoons of the oil. Add the onion and carrots and cook over moderate heat until light golden, about 8 minutes. Add the eggplant and 2 tablespoons of the oil and cook, stirring occasionally, until softened, about 8 minutes. Stir in the cremini, shiitake, chopped porcini and the remaining 2 tablespoons of oil and season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the mushrooms are golden.

3. Cover and cook over low heat, stirring occasionally, until sauce is very thick, about 1 and a half hours. Discard the thyme sprig; season the sauce with salt and pepper.

4. In a pot of salted boiling water, cook the spaghetti until al dente. Drain, reserving ¼ cup of the pasta water.

5. Add the pasta, pasta water and parsley to the sauce; toss to coat. Serve in bowls.

Serves 4

The mushroom Bolognese can be made ahead and refrigerated for up to 2 days.
creativity takes flight at splendido

With nearly 300 feathers as unique as the people who created them, a magnificent set of wings has become an inspiring symbol for the Splendido residents and team members whose collective talents are reflected in them.

The project began in the early weeks that Arizona was under a stay-at-home order as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic and culminated with the unveiling of a breathtaking display at the all-inclusive community in Oro Valley for those 55 and better.

Creating wings from individual feathers as a community-wide art installation was the brainchild of Hollis Moore, Repriorment™ Services Manager for Splendido. To kick things off, Moore provided a template of a feather in the community’s resident newsletter and asked residents to submit their own designs, which set creativity soaring.

“We were thrilled to see the number of feathers, and the variety as well,” said Moore. “Splendido is home to many talented artists, both professionals and passionate amateurs, and most residents typically embrace creative projects. Still, we were amazed by how enthusiastic the response was to this particular project!”

Not only residents and employees, but some children and grandchildren got into the act, which led to a wide variety of artistic styles and media, including paint, fabric, and actual feathers.

“The idea came from building a single work of art from everyone’s individual, unique creation—but the feathers and wings also symbolize our ability to soar far above the storms of life,” says Moore. “I think everyone liked the idea that they were working on something separately, but still together.”

One resident, Sophia Chatov, also spread her creative wings, designing and contributing roughly 65 feathers to the project. “I absolutely loved it—in fact, I couldn’t stop,” said Chatov, who has lived at Splendido since 2019. “My youngest son started calling me Big Bird,” she laughed.

Originally from Holland, Chatov came to Splendido by way of Berkeley, California, and then Buffalo, New York, where she and her husband Dr. Robert Chatov raised their two sons. Chatov explains that she started her career as a physical therapist but went back to school in her 50s at SUNY at Buffalo, where her husband was a professor at the School of Management, to study art and art history. The couple originally retired on Cape Cod, before landing at Splendido.

Chatov says she used to do mixed-media and oil painting, but now paints mostly watercolor. For her feathers, she used markers, sometimes working in the Splendido art studio with two other residents. “It was wonderful,” said Chatov, about the therapeutic nature of the project. “I’ve enjoyed it so much!”

With a 14-foot wingspan, the finished art installation was a sight to behold and a wonderful backdrop for uplifting photos. The wings have been displayed in different locations around Splendido for several months, and residents and staff alike have enjoyed posing with them.

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Have you seen the newest member of The Perry Family in your neighborhood?
Louise Thomas is a true force of nature when it comes to philanthropy. For almost forty years, she has been giving her time, energy and funds to some of Tucson’s most beloved organizations which help children.

This native New Yorker moved to Los Angeles and remained there until she married her husband, Al, in Beverly Hills, California on December 12, 1965. After the honeymoon, this couple moved to Tucson. They currently reside in the Whaleback Ridge Estates.

As a newcomer to Tucson, Louise wanted to get involved in the community and was invited to join The Junior League. Through this organization, Louise began her volunteering with the Ronald McDonald House. They opened their doors in Tucson in February 1981 to support the countless numbers of children undergoing treatment at Tucson area medical facilities. It gave families a “home away from home” while their children were ill so that they could give 100% of themselves to their sick child. Louise was on the first Ronald McDonald House Board in Tucson. Her lifelong desire to help children came about due to Louise and Al losing their son, Michael Andrew Thomas, to cancer in 1979 at age nine.

In 1983, Louise and Vice Chair Jane Loew Sharples founded Angel Charity for Children, Inc. This well-known charity is comprised of 150 devoted volunteers (representing a cross-section of the Tucson community), who take part in innovative fundraising events, the annual Angel Charity Ball. Louise was asked to be Head of Steele Children’s Research Center Founding Board in 1984. “At the time, Dr. Lynne Taussig and the heads of the College of Medicine at the University of Arizona invited me to lunch and asked me to head up the founding board of the Steele Center” states Louise. She was honored to do so. In 1990, Angel Charity for Children, Inc. selected the center as its beneficiary. In 2017, The Steele Center celebrated 25 years of helping children through research, education and care. Louise strengthened her association with the University of Arizona by being on their UA Foundation Board for 6 years.

In addition to her many, many philanthropic endeavors, Louise runs her own events business. Louise Thomas/Events Made Special, Inc. which specializes in full-service events including all levels of weddings, creative bar and bat mitzvahs, anniversary celebrations, corporate meetings and holiday events and galas for non-profits.

“I was given $1,500 start-up money from Ronald McDonald House. Through my volunteer training in the Junior League of Tucson, I was able to structure committee goals and objectives for Angel Charity members,” Louise comments. She invited Jane Loew Sharples to be her Vice Chair. Together they invited the 100 men and women to help them retire the Ronald McDonald House mortgage. “We invited a cross-section of our community, never before gathered into one organization. Lifetime friendships were and are formed through this melting pot of talents and generous people” Louise continues. Many Tucsonans are familiar with this philanthropy through one of their premier fundraising events, the annual Angel Charity Ball.

In 1984, Louise was asked to join the Board of Hostesses of Tucson Festival Society, also known as Silver and Turquoise. As a Hostess, Louise promotes, supports and encourages the preservation of Tucson’s historical traditions and diverse cultural heritage. (NOTE: In 1993, the Silver & Turquoise Board of Hostesses formed a non-profit organization to distinguish themselves from the Tucson Festival Society.). Their major fundraising event is the Silver & Turquoise Ball. The Board of Hostesses are one of the major donors supporting the Mission San Xavier del Bac restoration.

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“After Angel Charity for Children was formed, I kicked off my event business by hosting a party at my home in Tucson Country Club, where I showed some of my talents. Jonathan Tisch from Loew’s Corp heard about my high...
profile with Angel Charity and then the founding of my business. He invited me to design and stage the opening of Loews Ventana Canyon Resort in 1984,” Louise explains. Her first Corporate client was introduced to her at that time, subsequently hiring her for 28 years nationally to stage their corporate meetings around the USA.

Louise’s interest and propensity for philanthropy may have genetic roots. Her mother was very active in their church. Louise’s son, Alan, is continuing this family tradition and supports numerous community and national needs.

Thanks to her extraordinary philanthropy, Louise has been honored by many, many non-profit, educational and civic organizations. These include Woman of the Year from the Tucson Chamber of Commerce, University of Arizona College of Medicine and the Catholic Diocese of Tucson among so very many others. We are fortunate to have her in the Tucson community.
Reilly & Reggie live on Ventana Canyon Drive with their adopted mom Mary Jo

Both dogs were bred by Veribas Kennels in Woodstock, IL. Reilly’s daddy is Reggie’s granddad.

The tri-colored dog is named Reilly. She is a “princess” dog and is a 5-year-old female.

The Blenheim colored dog is named Reggie. He is a 2 1/2-year-old “goof-ball.”

Reilly was being considered for use as a show dog because of her beautiful lines and yes, her regal behavior. As a young puppy, her handlers were grooming her for the show-ring. At the 6-month mark, when I visited the kennel, Reilly had the show “pose” mastered with her head up, paws positioned and tail extended. The handlers, having spent considerable time with her, determined she was not “grand champion” material and if you believe timing is everything...well, my timing was perfect – I bought her and took her home that day. She’s a frequent flyer and has “earned her wings.” On one flight we were seated in the first-row bulkhead seats (Reilly is designated an ESA), to accommodate another passenger. Before we knew it, there was a constant stream of passengers coming from the back of the plane to “meet that cute dog that everyone is talking about.” The most amazing thing was a visit from each pilot! She was calm and receptive to each visitor. When a trayed breakfast was served while sitting on my lap, she made no effort to beg or take any of the food – talk about self-control! Perfect Princess!

Reggie has free reign of the household – there are no chairs or areas off limits to her! When I first brought her home, I was recently widowed. She immediately identified with each of my husband’s favorite chairs in my home and would make a bee-line specifically to those places. I would joke that she was half Milt Brown!

About two years after I “adopted” Reilly, my 24-year-old nephew was diagnosed with brain cancer. Reilly and I traveled to the University of Iowa Hospital to be with the family during his biopsy procedure. At that time, Reilly was well received – especially by the young patients. My nephew fell in love with her and shortly thereafter, informed his Mother he’d like a dog. When he indicated he’d like a ‘Reilly dog’, I went to work at finding a Cavalier for him. I sent e-mails to approximately 15 breeders in Arizona and to my complete astonishment, they all responded. I located a wonderful litter in Phoenix that were ready for homes! Reilly and I were on the road bright and early the next morning and we came home with a beautiful little Blenheim boy – a lot like our precious Leo. Oh boy – Reilly was invigorated again with the playful antics of this new pup.

Reilly was from birth a bouncy, playful little guy – very athletic – he had ‘all the moves.’ His ABC name is a nod to his British heritage, his colorway (Blenheim) and his bouncy personality: Cotswold’s Winston Reginald – aka Reggie Brown (familiarity with professional athletes...).

Reggie keeps us entertained on a daily basis – he’s all boy! Unlike his pampered ‘aunt’, he is not remotely interested in being up on furniture - other than on my lap.

Reilly and I returned to Tucson and the next day we drove to Phoenix and brought our little Leo home. We had Leo about five months during which Reilly and Leo became inseparable pals – he is an adorable Blenheim, classic good-natured Cavalier. He was given to my nephew within a day of returning to our home in Illinois and I am thrilled to report that Leo has had an amazing healing effect on my nephew! My nephew, three years later, is healthy and cancer-free! The downside to this was the incredible loss that Reilly and I felt – especially Reilly who just couldn’t understand where her playmate went...

Later in the summer, Reilly’s breeder accidentally dialed my cell phone. I called her back – and guess what – she had two puppies that were ready for homes! Reilly and I were on the road bright and early the next morning and we came home with a beautiful little Blenheim boy – a lot like our precious Leo. He named him Leo. Reilly and I flew to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, to attend my nephew’s craniotomy – where Reilly, once again had free reign of the hospital – she was even allowed in pre-op, attendance in doctor consultations, in my nephew’s patient room...and of course, a beautiful comfort to other children who were obviously battling serious health issues.

They are also remarkable healers. Fast forward into a pandemic year where their presence in my household has been a blessing beyond measure!

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“We are committed to helping you obtain your whitest smile, using the latest technology,” states Danielle White, owner of Arizona Teeth Whitening. “Our focus is on brightening your smile without using harmful ingredients such as bleach.”

Danielle (Dani) is a proud Tucson native. She grew up mainly in Catalina and around Highway 79. Dani has three younger brothers, who, along with her, were all homeschooled. “Since we were homeschooled, we were able to enjoy all that Arizona has to offer, like field trips to the Grand Canyon, plenty of camping, trips to our National Parks and to the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum.” The educational process was accomplished thanks to input from a local homeschool group, Christian Home Educators of Tucson, Northwest (CHET-NW).

This very same homeschooling group was where Dani met her (future, at that time) husband James. “We first met when we were twelve years old. We were friends for a few years and started dating at sixteen!” she comments. They have been together ever since. The Whites just celebrated seven years of marriage this past November 2020. They have one daughter, Evelyn, who is three years old. And there is another child on the way! Charlie and Molly are their two cats and according to Dani they are “our best little buddies!”

“Teeth whitening was never on my radar!” Dani exhales. She had just had her daughter and was looking for a new career path. “I wanted something that could have some flexibility with but also something that I could find fulfillment in,” she says. Dani had gotten her teeth whitened using the Fleek Whitening system and was so impressed. “I saw my confidence level rise and felt so good about myself by whitening my teeth.”

Dani researched what was required to become certified to whiten teeth in Arizona. A friend was able to help get Dani and her husband started in the business and now she is the sole owner of Arizona Teeth Whitening. “It has been the most incredible job for me!” she proclaims. “Just go for it! If you are not happy in your current job or where you are in life, then change it. It can be so scary, but the end result is usually worth it.” Dani loves her job and her life. She loves being able to spend extra time with her daughter and she loves helping people feel great about themselves. “I never saw myself in this business, but I am so glad that I jumped in with both feet.”

Although it is a fairly new business, about three years, Arizona Teeth Whitening is looking forward to working more with the local community in the coming year. Already, they have given gift certificates to many silent auctions to benefit the local Northwest fire stations and schools.

What makes this business different is that they are not a dental office. They offer cosmetic whitening, but it is about one-quarter of the price of a dental office, often with much less sensitivity. Their product, in addition, does not have any harsh chemicals that can damage the teeth. They buy their whitening gel, which is plant-based and safe for teeth, through Fleek Teeth Whitening. And, they use desensitizing gel to help with any sensitivity a person may have. Arizona Teeth Whitening’s whitening process uses the most advanced and most effective LED technology. “Our laser lights are the most powerful and effective lights made specifically made for teeth whitening” quotes Dani. It brings teeth to their whitest, natural shade without using any harmful bleach, only natural products. “You will be surprised at just how bright your teeth can get. Come in and check it out!” she continues.

Dani has performed over 700 teeth whitening procedures over the last few years! She comments that “Your smile is one of the first things that people notice about you. It is such a great feeling to help people feel their best, thanks to teeth whitening,” she broadly smiles, showing off her own sparkling white teeth!

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VENTANA GOLF AND RACQUET CLUB CAR SHOW

By Rick Meese at remeese@gmail.com

Sunday, April 11 from 3:30 to 5:30

The show is located on the parking circle in front of the club. There will be some magnificent examples of autos that verge on pieces of art. Many of the cars will invoke a sense of nostalgia for past decades. The show appeals to a wide range of automotive tastes and viewer ages.

Once again there will be the popular “Peoples Choice” voting during the show. If you would like to show a car contact Rick Meese at remeese@gmail.com

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Herewith some comments from both men and women, many (we shall hope!) with tongue planted firmly in cheek:

- I went out and bought a couple of nice bottles of wine and my wife said, “Great! Thank you! But where are yours for tonight?”
- I have learned many different ways to express my love and discovered after lots of tries that the thing that works best is being outside and not knocking when the doors are locked all night.
- Last month, when I was watching a chick flick, my husband told me, “I don’t think you ever hear a word I say. You’re always on Mars or something, I talk and you don’t hear,” and I replied, “Sure. Thanks. A beer. Yeah, that sounds great.”
- I like to reminisce – recalling our wedding day 48 years ago, for instance, I remember it well. My wife’s eyes were filled with tears. They have been for the last year, too.
- Golf, blessedly, has been our salvation. Yet despite all the practice, my game is getting worse by the day. My handicap was once down to 8. Now it’s higher than the national debt. It takes me most of the day to play 18 holes. My husband says I should try to make it last a long weekend.
- I have been going for walks by myself on the half-hour to give my hubby some personal space, as he clips his toenails and fingernails throughout the day just to have something to do.
- I woke up the other morning in bad shape. Hadn’t slept. Totally exhausted as I started to get up, moaning and groaning from all the aches and pains. My wife said, “What’s the matter – the mattress on the garage floor isn’t good enough for you? The spiders and mice and gila monsters seem to like it just fine!”
- Luckily, I have taken to mastering advanced gourmet cooking. I cooked a grand feast the other night. Roy, was I proud of it. Lobster, shrimp, mussels in a saffron sauce over linguine. Best meal I ever prepared. I sat down at the table across from my husband. He looked quizzically at me and said, “So what are YOU having? Maybe go out and try the dollar menu?”
- And, finally: Not that we’ve been getting into each other’s space too often, but four months ago, we went for a long scenic ride through the desert. My wife was concerned about the way the steering wheel felt and asked me to get out and check the tires. As soon as I opened the door, she took off, tires peeling. I enjoyed the peace and quiet for the afternoon until I tripped into a cactus plant. I howled so loudly that a sheriff came and rescued me. He said, “Good lord, not YOU again!”

Well, that’s all for now. Glad that most of us have been vaccinated. We made it through the year together and can now break some of the bad habits we developed. I think maybe I can now stop mopping the garage floor four times a day and counting the landscape pebbles in the yard.
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