



## PERFECT OCTOBER DAYS

It's October! Poet James Russell Lowell favored the month of June ("Then, if ever, come perfect days."). I'll take October. October is the perfect respite between summer and winter. The temperature is often perfect. The tree foliage is often perfect. There may be a perfect match-up between two football rivals. Pumpkin pie and pecan pie are perfect in October. New York Yankee pitcher Don Larsen hurled a perfect World Series game on an October afternoon. Maybe you even have a romantic reason to think of October as perfect. I hope so.

A "perfect game" and some "perfect days" were offered. Let's think about that word "perfect" for a moment. What is perfect?

A definition of perfect is "without fault or defect." Perfect is rarely attainable and is illusive at best. We even sometimes disagree on what might be perfect.

My idea of a perfect day might be different than yours. Often when we describe something as perfect, we really mean we think it is very good. Very good might be as close to perfect as we should hope.

October is a very good month. Come on, it's perfect!

Are our October days at PVN perfect? We certainly aren't physically perfect. But what about our environment? Our campus is surely as good as one could hope. Most of us think our dining experience is remarkably tasty, healthy and pleasant. Our staff has many near-perfect

activities for us. Don't you love your imperfect friends for their uncommon abilities, humility, warmth, inspiration, humor, kindness and assistance? Our days in senior living may not be as close to perfect as were the days of our more vibrant years, but aren't availability of immediate help, an absence of maintenance worries, no need to prepare dinner, a beautiful saltwater pool, a state-of-the-art exercise room and a wonderful library complete with fireplace very good compensating considerations? May I lobby again for "perfect?"

If you are savoring the day, enjoying life, meeting with friends and feeling well despite any imperfections, why not count the day as perfect? Here's to many perfect October days!

David Lodwick



## COUNCIL CORNER

A HEARTY welcome to our new Executive Chef **James Brooks**. We are already enjoying the new items found on the menus and buffets. As we become more familiar with the culinary changes, we owe a big THANKS to the Working Group composed of **Rick Rickman, Tony LeCara, Betty Birkner, Pat Gregory** and **Bill Neill** for their time and effort spent on our behalf.

The recent Each Moment Matters luncheon honored two of our artistic residents, **Pam Altizer** and **Pam Southern**, for their efforts in opening the Art Studio in the Dealey area. CONGRATULATIONS, Pam and Pam! This is another drawing card for living here in our community.

This month the Newcomers and Orientation committee will be highlighted. The very capable co-chairs are **Nancy Greer** and **Penny Boozman**. When asked why they volunteered to lead this committee, they responded that they took the job because both like people, are good communicators and enjoy helping folks. The co-chairs continued: "From January 2023 through the remainder of 2024, the members of the committee have welcomed approximately 70 new family units to PVN. A smiling, happy, helpful member knocked on their door with a packet of important information. This visit was followed up by another member who dropped by to answer questions and maybe share a coffee in the café. A special team puts together our wonderful *Villager* publication, does the interviews, takes the pictures and writes the interesting stories of our newest residents. If you love people, talking and sharing, JUMP IN! You'll be glad you did." Thank you, Nancy and Penny.

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*Gilbert Brown, Village Council President*

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## BLAST FROM THE PAST

Hint:  
Look of a Leader  
at Age Two



## WHICH SPORT HAS EACH OF THESE NICKNAMES?

1. America's Pastime
2. The Gentlemen's Game
3. The Sweet Science
4. The Game They Play in Heaven
5. Hoops
6. The Coolest Game on Earth
7. The Sport of Kings
8. The Beautiful Game
9. Gridiron
10. The Fastest Sport on Two Feet

*Answers on page 11*

# THE PVN FOUNDATION FIESTA

The time has finally arrived for the celebration of the 40th anniversary of Presbyterian Village North Foundation on October 9 under tents in the open area outside the Landing Café. Invitations were distributed to all Independent Living residents five weeks in advance of the event. I hope each of you responded affirmatively and marked the date on your calendar. We are calling it the “Fiesta,” with a Mexican food lunch catered by Blue Mesa and an overall Mexican theme. Background music will feature Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass and other artists.

PVNF is your Foundation, run by eight resident trustees plus a ninth trustee who is an executive at Texas Instruments with considerable background in managing sizeable investments. The current resident trustees are **Pam Altizer, Corbet Bryant, Jim Cress, Ila Kraft, Bob Maier, Steve Penrose, Pam Spell** and **Christi Thompson**. We are eager to answer any questions and hear any suggestions, as are our two staff members, **Diane Reynolds** and **Karen Gooding**.

The Foundation has begun moving forward in its 41st year with a series of grants that will enhance the scenery, safety and fun for PVN and its residents. Leading off has been the new white van underwritten by a PVNF grant. I hope you have seen it and begun using the van services. That is only the beginning. I think Dr. Don Leonard would be proud and happy with how his dreams for the Foundation are coming to fruition.

Corbet Bryant

*Chair, Presbyterian Village North Foundation*

40th Anniversary  
Celebration  
October 9th

PRESBYTERIAN VILLAGE NORTH  
*Foundation*  
THE HEARTBEAT OF THE VILLAGE

## FROM THE EDITOR

This month we continue our march towards our 45th PVN Anniversary Celebration by recognizing a movie which exemplifies excellence and audience acceptance during the five-year period of 1985-1989. We also recognize an outstanding sporting event which took place during those same years 1985-1989. The Bugle's secret residents' panel selects:

Movie: *Driving Miss Daisy*

Sporting Event: Diego Maradona's winning goal for Argentina against West Germany to win the 1986 World Cup 3-2. This goal is known as the “Hand of God” because it improperly touched Maradona's hand but was allowed.

Mike Amis, Managing Editor



## SHOPPING AT SAM'S

I have an affluent friend whom we will call Winston. He persuaded me to get a Sam's membership card when I already had a Costco card. Winston was a very successful insurance guy and now drives a BMW 700 and something series. He loves to drive. I have a 12-year-old Ford with 87K miles on it, and I like to ride, so it works.

Winston has a propensity to call other drivers by euphemisms, give them instructions and critique their driving skills. Also, if you are riding shotgun with Winston, it is your responsibility to watch traffic on your right. We got to Sam's safely and legally parked in handicap parking that gave us both that sense of privilege rarely experienced anymore.

Winston has a game he plays to enter the store without showing his card. If there is a woman checker, he tries to make her laugh. If she laughs, he says he has it made. However, if it is a male checker, he follows behind me, points and says, "I am with Dad." This morning it was a male checker. I turned and said, "He is not with me. Make him show his card. Do you have a gun? You may need it." That made the checker laugh and Winston walked in without showing his card. So I guess the laughing thing works on men too.



Winston made a B-line for the \$4.98 roasted chicken, bigger than Costco's. I headed for the \$7.98 double bottles of Woodbridge Chardonnay. I stopped on the way, leaning

on a crate of lemons to rest my back. A kind looking gentleman about my age gave me a very concerned look and said, "Are you okay?"

I perked up immediately, and gave him a, "How could you ask such a silly question?" look and said, "I'm fine, just a little back pain." He shared his list of health problems. I gave him back his concerned look and asked, "Are you okay?" We laughed and shook hands.

Buying wine requires a human checker who asked me if I was 18. I said, "I'm 5 times 18." She didn't get it. As we left, the checker didn't check us. I guess she recognized Winston.

Ken Rogers

## PVN Olympics





## REPORTERS WHO BECAME PLAYERS

Graduates of Texas A&M are justifiably proud of their “12th Man Tradition” which began in Dallas on January 2, 1922, at the Dixie Classic football game. Famous Aggie coach Dana X. Bible was running out of players due to injuries. He waved up to student King Gill in the press box assisting reporters in identifying the players. Bible had Gill suit up and remain available to play. When the game ended in an upset Aggie victory over powerhouse Centre College, Gill was the only potential replacement for the remaining eleven Aggie players.

A similar “call down a reporter” event had occurred 45 years earlier in Louisville, Kentucky. In 1876 Jon Haldeman graduated from Washington and Lee University where he had been a baseball pitcher. He returned to his hometown to become a reporter and business manager of the *Louisville Times*, owned by his father who was also President of the Louisville Grays National League baseball team.

On July 3, 1877, John Haldeman played in his only major league baseball game. When a Grays infielder was injured, the manager

asked Haldeman, who was reporting on the game, to fill in. This is the only time in major league history that a reporter played in a game he was covering.

Haldeman continued reporting on the rest of the Grays’ games that year. He became suspicious the team was throwing games during a seven-game losing streak. His tenacious reporting revealed payments from a gambler that led to four players being barred from baseball for life. This was the greatest scandal in major league baseball until the infamous 1919 Chicago “Black Sox” scandal.

Corbet Bryant

## The Winners!!!







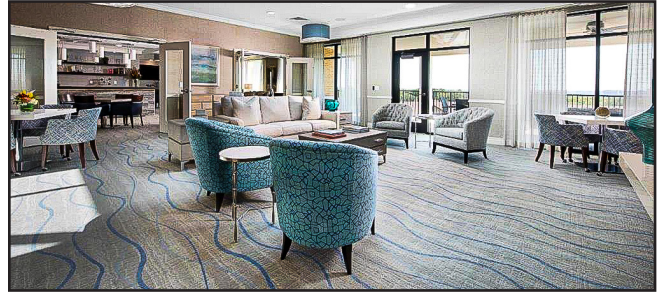
## Hawthorne

Number of units: 112

Number of doubles: 55

Number of residents: 167

Number of singles: 57



## Martins Landing

Number of units: 56

Number of doubles: 13

Number of residents: 68

Number of singles: 42



# Presbyterian Village No



## The Villas

Number of units: 48

Number of doubles: 26

Number of residents: 76

Number of singles: 24





## Custom and Executive Homes

Number of units: 46

Number of doubles: 24

Number of residents: 68

Number of singles: 20



## Patio Homes

Number of units: 66

Number of doubles: 17

Number of residents: 78

Number of singles: 44



## North Campus Residents

### The Oaks

Number of units: 31

Number of doubles: 5

Number of residents: 30

Number of singles: 20



### Assisted Living

#### The Terrace

Number of units: 70

Number of residents: 65

#### Joyce Hall

Number of units: 75

Number of residents: 65



## It Takes Cats to Make a Village



Here it is October, the month of Halloween, and a good time to honor the cats among us. Our feline friends were domesticated sometime around 7500 B. C. in the Near East. They kept the vermin, rats, mice and such out of the crops. During the Bubonic plague they killed rats and helped keep the disease from spreading, though this was known only later.

Our domestic cats retain their excellent hunting skills so that

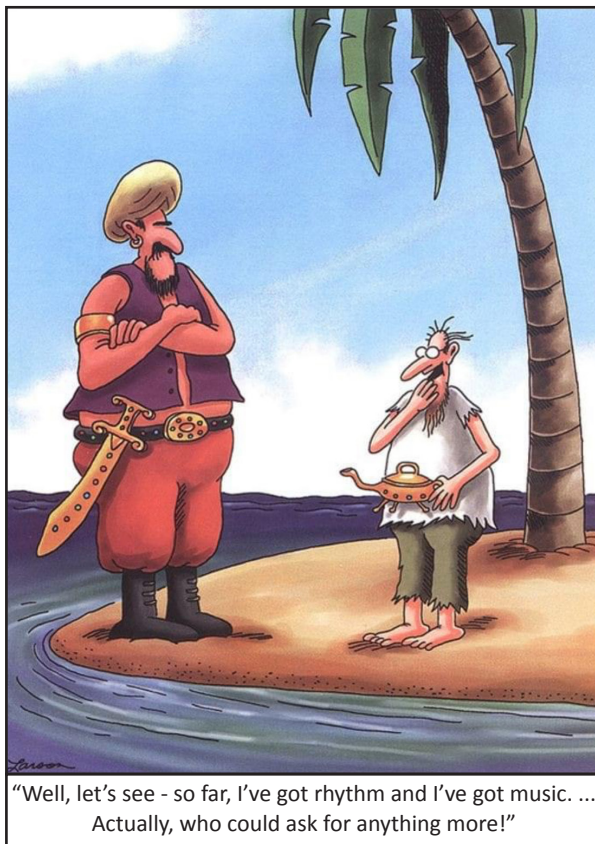
they can survive in the wild as feral. They prefer living in our homes as our beloved and pampered pets. Around 95.6 million cats are estimated to live in the United States. From a recent census this writer attempted, around 16-20 live here at PVN. I suspect there may be more.

Judy Morris

### *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats*

**"...Cats are much like you and me  
And other people whom we find  
Possessed of various types of mind.  
For some are sane and some are mad  
And some are good and some are bad..."**

-T. S. Eliot



**Chuckle**



# Birthdays

## INDEPENDENT LIVING

Rick Rickman	10/02	Nancy Lane	10/08	Mary Humberd	10/17	Bertha Wasoff	10/25
Bill Maina	10/02	Vickie Buckalew	10/08	Ken Rogers	10/18	David Dempsey	10/25
Alice Furber	10/03	George Hurd	10/09	Becky Rayer	10/20	David Ho	10/26
Phil Lack	10/03	Aileen Trollinger	10/09	Monty Forrester	10/20	Alice Samuelson	10/27
Charlene Keating	10/05	Diane Teigen	10/10	Kaye Albright	10/22	Will Baker	10/27
Arlene Lawley	10/06	Irmgard Reinhart	10/12	Connie Jenkins	10/22	Dorothy Black	10/27
Marie Mathieu	10/07	Julia Dempsey	10/12	Bill Schulz	10/24	Joyce Maxwell	10/30
Carolyn Duy	10/07	Celine Hubler	10/13	Ida Perryman	10/24	Annette Hamilton	10/30
James D. Sims	10/08	Bob Knothe	10/17	Margaret Thetford	10/25	Molly Kent	10/30
Tony LeCara	10/08						

## ASSISTED LIVING

Lawrence Lucido	10/02	Charles Witte	10/11	Frances Schneider	10/15	Irma Sendelbach	10/24
Norman Meyer	10/04	Bruce Owen	10/13	Steven Weisenburger	10/18	Patsy Walker	10/26
Jane Laudenberg	10/05	Janet Allen	10/14	Lili Lipscomb-Davis	10/22	Charles Wood	10/30

## A FINE GIFT FROM SKILLED HANDS

**Dave and Debbie Driscoll** joined us two years ago from El Paso, where Dave's hobby was woodworking. He considered bringing all his tools along but learned that our Village already had a newly equipped wood shop. It had just come about, thanks to the efforts of resident Bill Austin and financial support from the PVN Foundation. It's located a short walk from the Driscoll's Villas apartment. Dave has joined our dozen or so woodworkers, contributed a few of his tools and brings many years of experience. **Chester Bentley** now manages the shop.

Crafting writing pens is Dave's specialty. He begins with a "blank" purchased from an exotic wood supplier. It is trimmed and drilled through. Then, a brass tube from a "pen kit" is inserted. Using a lathe, Dave shapes the spinning piece of wood with a hand-guided tool. Smoothing with sandpaper is next, followed by abrasive polish which reveals the unique grain pattern. Using a vice, the shiny wooden barrel is pressed together with black and gold trim pieces. Finally, the twist mechanism and ball point are tested for proper function. The process takes about an hour.

Dave has been giving his pens to friends and family for many years. Now his hobby has a new beneficiary, our PVN Men's Kaffee Klatch. This group began a

"Speaker's Award" tradition about 40 years ago. Residents and guests making presentations were given custom bronze medallions. Many hundreds have been given out, each embossed with an image of our original Corrigan Building. Resident **Bill Brown** had been crafting the wooden stands for them. But the supply is nearly exhausted. So to continue the Kaffee Klatch tradition, there is a new and very useful gift of appreciation for its speakers. From the hands of David Driscoll, a beautiful woodgrain pen!



John Birkner



Photos by John Birkner

## HE IS STILL NOT HERE

The sun shines brightly  
Yet the moon is still here  
And all of us begin our day  
In the light of the Lord  
He is still not here

The coolness of the fall  
And the cold of the winter  
Spring brings such hope and happiness  
And the summer endless heat  
He is still not here

And the days continue on their way  
And the sun begins to fall  
We reflect on its journey  
And we see shadows appear  
He is still not here

In its setting the sun's like fire  
And the dusk begin its presence  
And darkness surrounds us  
As we meet day's end  
He is still not here

Our nightly prayers are said  
And we are thankful to God  
Our repose is before us  
And peaceful are we  
He is still not here

*Stephen Black*



### Fashion Show



## DIRECT FROM DUSTIN

Happy October everyone! What a great time of the year this is where the leaves are beginning to turn colors, the outside temperature is manageable and football season is in full swing. The OU/Texas rivalry game should be a lot of fun...for the burnt orange... Before we dive right into October, we had a lot to celebrate this past month. Let's begin with a big "Thank You" to our amazing residents who donated to the Forefront Foundation caring fund leading up to their annual Each Moment Matters luncheon last month. We are also excited about the Wellgen Health grand opening that occurred on September 16th, with Dr. Lone and his impressive team now operating the clinic in Corrigan. To have a medical service that can provide a 24/7 hotline for those who are interested is a great opportunity for our residents. To put a bow on September, we started our student program with Cristo Rey here at PVN. Our dedicated students are gaining experience in departments such as Business Office, Wellness, Community Life and Human Relations. As for October, we are excited about the second annual "Smoot Day" that will be held October 19th at the Villas Rose Bowl. We also have our annual Fall Festival on October 24th that always draws a very large crowd. And finally, our team wants to thank the PVN Foundation for their generous funding of our new van that we added to the transportation fleet. Cheers to another great month!

*Dustin Allen*  
Executive Director, PVN



## Three-Dimensional Printing

One of the most remarkable developments to come out of the late-20th century computer revolution was 3D printing, defined as using a computer-driven printer to lay down successive layers of material on top of each other, thereby creating an object that has length, width and depth.

In the past, the material used has generally been some form of plastic, but it could be any material that can be liquified and squirted through a nozzle, including metals and concrete. Early 3D printers were small and printed small parts very efficiently, since no mold or casting was required and there was very little labor or waste material.

CBS 60 Minutes recently aired a program, which can be seen on



You Tube, about a very engaging young man in Austin, Texas, who is currently 3D printing small cement homes for homeless people. These homes are vastly cheaper than homes built the traditional way, withstand adverse weather better and are projected to last up to 300 years. The market for 3D printed homes is now \$36 million annually, projected to boom to just over \$1 billion by 2030.

For example, as the Austin builder explains, building a traditional wall in a home incorporates ten types of materials and requires

considerable labor. 3D printing uses one material (cement), with virtually no waste and no labor. As a bonus, the walls of a 3D home can be free-flowing and artistic in their design.

And the uses for 3D printing are literally out-of-this-world. One of the issues with living on a place like the Moon is the cost of lifting building materials off the Earth. A common brick, made from clay, like the ones historically used in our homes, would cost \$1 million to send to the Moon. But the Moon's surface is covered with pulverized rock, which when heated by a laser, is suitable for building a 3D house. As the French would say, "et voila!"

*John Drake*

### ANSWERS

1. Baseball
2. Cricket
3. Boxing
4. Rugby
5. Basketball
6. Hockey
7. Thoroughbred horseracing
8. Soccer
9. Football
10. Lacrosse

*Corbet Bryant*

### BLAST FROM THE PAST

Gilbert Brown



### In Memoriam

JoAnn Ramsey	8/22
Joan Stevenson	8/22
Marcia McGoey	9/15

Yes, it's that time again. I don't mean spooking around Halloween, I mean the scary prospect of one holiday ad following another, and another, and another.



July 4th fireworks had barely left the sales counter before Labor Day picnic planning joyfully hit the store ads. Then the last burned wiener hit the bun on the baked-bean-laden paper plate a moment before the goblin lawn decorations appeared just inside the Home Depot entrance. I get vertigo this time of year.

Has anyone noticed the already-urgent restaurant offerings of home-cooked Thanksgiving turkey dinners? ("Order now before it's too late!"; "Make your reservations early!") It's only a day or so after October 1, for heaven's sake! It's probably a blessing for retailers—Boston Market and Central Market alike—that traditional food for both Thanksgiving and Christmas are essentially the same (turkey, pumpkin pie, cranberry sauce). Menus don't need to be changed, and grocery offerings don't need alteration.

Only the motifs and music will shift. We'll shortly see telephone poles and median strips festooned with signs for installing Christmas lights, and we'll soon visit shopping malls redolent with *Jingle Bells* blasting through speakers, all while Thanksgiving dinner is being digested.

So it's one after another. It's not that I don't enjoy this Bang!-Boo!-Jingle! sequence—I'd just like it to spread itself out a bit. Delayed gratification is getting a bad rap on Wall Street, impatient with profit-and-loss concerns.

I live among sugarplum faeries and I relish my time with each of their genres—and that's the problem! I want them uninterrupted and with enough space in between. My Halloween goblins need some nurturing, and I want some time alone with my personal mummy long after the fireworks and before being replaced with turkeys and elves. They do not play well together. So leave them all solitary, please, in their places, with spaces in between.

Otherwise, BOO!

Ron Wetherington

## SEPTEMBER CHAUTAUQUA PERFORMANCE



Doug Montgomery