



Ponté Palmero

RESORT-STYLE LIVING

May 2025

Resident of the Month



Resident of the Month: Bill Johnson

Our May resident of the month is Bill Johnson. Billy, warmly nicknamed by friends and family, was born in Bakersfield, CA, in a farmhouse far from town. He was the second-youngest of 6 children. His mother was a homemaker and his father a farmer. At age 9, Bill was on vacation with his sister. They were pulled over by Highway Patrol to tell them that his father had been in an accident. They wanted them to go to the hospital immediately, as they didn't know if he was going to make it. Bill's father ended up being paralyzed from the neck down and it took many months for him to be able to come home. This greatly affected Bill as a young child because his father was his hero.

Throughout his childhood, Bill was obedient and dutiful, always there to help his parents. He witnessed the rebellious behavior of a close family member and observed the consequences, which might be the reason for Bill's love of law and justice. Bill still had his fun though, always building and racing cars with his friends using the dirt track they had built.

When Bill was around 10, he and his family moved away from Bakersfield. Bill lived in many places in his lifetime including Calipatria (a small town near the U.S./Mexico border) and Oceanside, California. While in Calipatria, he met his wife, Bobbie Lynn, whom he spent 16 years with and had two beautiful children, Blake and Dana. Bill loves his kids and is happy his son lives close by.

It was in Oceanside that Bill got his dream job of CHP instructor. He worked for the CHP for 31 years, working his way up to a sergeant position, after which he moved to the Alameda Sheriff's department for several years.

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Happy Birthday

- Roger Santos - May 1
- Edwin Woodards - May 4
- Pat Brown - May 7
- Sheryl Whisenhunt - May 10
- Deborah Roden - May 12
- Dana Barker - May 12
- Patricia Bryant - May 20
- Nadene Ross - May 21
- Ray Nivison - May 25
- Marge Lynch - May 27

Happy Anniversary

- Mike & Sue Prall - May 17
- Bob & Marsali Caldwell - May 25



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Bill implemented a new driver training program where he trained thousands of junior officers in high speed maneuvering and pursuit of traffic violators. Bill recalls a harrowing event while training a rookie: she over-corrected and flipped the car three times! He reassured the officer driving that everything would be okay, but was experiencing some neck pain. Luckily, he healed up just fine. This is just one of the many stories Bill has from his eventful career. Nothing made Bill happier than helping the people in his community. When asked what his life motto is, he said, "Just to have fun in life."



Milkweed for Monarchs

The first Saturday in May is National Start Seeing Monarchs Day, when the familiar black-and-orange butterflies begin showing up. Planting milkweed, their caterpillars' only food source, can help monarch populations thrive.

Lunch at the Capitol



State Capitol Outing



St. Patrick's Day Party



Arts & Crafts: Spring Flower Bouquet



LDS Cameron Park Out Sharing Their Songs With Us



Ray Getting Charlie Acclimated to Her New Home



Ponderosa High School Students Out With Cell Phone Help



The Anniversary of V-E Day

On May 7, 1945, Germany surrendered to the Allies, ending World War II in Europe. The following day, May 8, was declared Victory in Europe Day, and this year marks the 80th anniversary of the momentous occasion.

After six years of conflict, unconditional surrender documents were signed in Reims, France, at the headquarters of U.S. Army Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the commander of the Allied forces in Europe. As news of Germany's formal surrender spread, celebrations broke out in cities around the world. Massive crowds gathered in the streets for parties, parades, dancing and singing.

V-E Day also fell on the birthday of U.S. President Harry S. Truman, who had taken office only a few weeks earlier, after the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. In a statement, Truman dedicated the day to Roosevelt, who had led the country through most of the war.

Truman also reminded Americans that despite the victory, "much remains to be done," since the war with Japan continued. It would be another three months, in August 1945, before the battle in the Pacific theater would end.

Findleton Winery Outing



Brain Games



Spring Word Scramble

Unscramble the words below, then rearrange the bolded letters in each set of answers to reveal another related spring word.

1) **YADIS**: _____
REGNE: _____
SETLPANA: _____
UABYLG D: _____
Secret word: _____

2) **IONWABR**: _____
NYWDI: _____
NPSGIR: _____
EYHREC: _____
Secret word: _____

3) **ANROEG**: _____
ARNGDE: _____
DLEDPU: _____
LFOW: _____
Secret word: _____

(Answers: 1. Daisy, green, pleasant, ladybug, Sunny; 2. Rainbow, windy, spring, cheery, Shower; 3. Orange, garden, puddle, flow, Flower)



Time in the Garden

Flowers and plants are a source of beauty, delight and even nutrition. Many people experience these benefits firsthand with a garden of their own. Talk with your friends and relatives about your gardening experiences.

- Have you ever had a flower garden? What flowers did you grow? Did you have a special place in your home to display fresh blooms?
- Did you have a vegetable garden? What types of seeds did you plant? How big was your plot?
- Which plants produced the best harvest? What did you do with the extra produce? Did you freeze or can anything?
- Do you have any stories about notorious garden pests? What did you do to solve the problem? Did you ever see wild animals in your garden? How about bees, birds or butterflies?

Remember Me?

His stats prove that he was one of history's greatest baseball players, but Yogi Berra earned fans on and off the playing field.

- Lawrence Berra was born in St. Louis on May 12, 1925.
- Friends gave him his nickname Yogi in his teens, after seeing a travelogue about India. It showed a Hindu yogi sitting cross-legged, the way Berra sat when waiting for his turn at bat.
- Berra started playing in the minor leagues in 1942, but he joined the U.S. Navy when he turned 18. He fought at the D-Day invasion, and for a later battle in France, he was awarded the Purple Heart.
- After the war, he was called up to the major leagues, starting a long career with the New York Yankees in 1946.
- Called one of the MLB's greatest catchers, Berra was a three-time MVP and named an All-Star for 15 straight seasons.
- After retiring from his playing career, Berra worked as a coach and manager for the Yankees, the New York Mets and the Houston Astros.
- As a player, coach and manager, he took part in 21 World Series, more than any other player in history.

Just For Fun

Laugh Lines: Yogi-isms

MLB Hall of Famer Yogi Berra was a legendary catcher for the New York Yankees. But he was also famous for his way with words, known as Yogi-isms. Here are some of his most comical quotes, many of which have become part of our culture.

"It ain't over till it's over."

"It's déjà vu all over again."

"When you come to a fork in the road, take it."

"You can observe a lot by watching."

"A nickel ain't worth a dime anymore."

"The future ain't what it used to be."

"Baseball is 90 percent mental. The other half is physical."

"I usually take a two-hour nap from 1 to 4."

"Never answer an anonymous letter."

Berra once explained, "A lot of guys go, 'Hey, Yog, say a Yogi-ism.' I tell 'em, 'I don't know any.' They want me to make one up. I don't make 'em up. I don't even know when I say it."



Linda Ingoglia Entertaining Us



Gary & Nancy, Hand in Hand Every Day



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"This Month In History"

MAY

1900: Thousands of people, including teams of scientists, gather in parts of the Southeastern U.S. to view a total solar eclipse.

1916: The Saturday Evening Post publishes its first cover that features a painting by Norman Rockwell.

1927: Aviator Charles Lindbergh successfully completes the first nonstop solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean.

1932: Comedian Jack Benny's first radio show is broadcast.

1942: The Women's Army Auxiliary Corps is created, enabling women to enlist for noncombat military duties.

1952: Originally created in Austria as a breath mint, Pez candy is sold for the first time in the U.S.

1961: Aboard the Freedom 7 space capsule, astronaut Alan Shepard is the first American to travel into space. His suborbital flight lasted 15 minutes.

1971: The NPR radio program "All Things Considered" premieres.

1991: Queen Elizabeth II becomes the first British monarch to address the U.S. Congress.

2004: At age 40, Randy Johnson of the Arizona Diamondbacks makes MLB history as the oldest pitcher to throw a perfect game.

2014: The music video "Gangnam Style," by South Korean pop star Psy, is the first video to reach 2 billion views on YouTube.

2017: "Wonder Woman" premieres in Los Angeles. The superheroine's story was the summer's highest-grossing movie.