

# Crackers

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## Next Program:

**June 19, 2008**

Sander Vanocur – “Reporting on Events of Today  
Intro: Ben Walsh

As a nationally known Journalist who began his career in 1954 on the London staff of the Manchester Guardian, “Sandy” Vanocur joined NBC News in 1957, where he served as Whitehouse correspondent for the “Today Show.” He moved over to CBS later where he spent 20 years in various positions, including Chief Diplomatic Correspondent. He has been a very visible personality in recent TV debates.

*Note: June 19<sup>th</sup> will also be “Patriotic Tie Day.”  
Be the winner of the day’s best!*

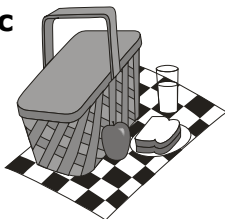


## Future Programs:

**July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Cosmo Club Annual Picnic**

Manning Park

\$15:00 per person – b.o.b.  
11:00 A.M.....Social Hour  
12-12:30 P.M..... Pledge & Invocation  
12:30-2:00 P.M..... Barbecue (always tops)  
Musical entertainment and great socializing!



Mail checks to:  
John Bracken, 2525 Calle Galicia, S.B. 93109

Info: Bob Zimels – 962-3211

Note: There will a meeting of the Picnic Committee at 10:45 on June 19<sup>th</sup> prior to the luncheon. All committee members are urged to attend, as this will be our last meeting prior to the picnic itself.  
Chair: Bob Zimels

**July 17, 2008**

Arlie M. Skov - “U.S. Energy Needs: Fossil Fuels or Renewables?”

Our own Arlie’s professional career began in 1956 in Oklahoma City where he later was named Manager, Special Products , then moving to San Francisco as production manager for BP in Alaska. From the giant Prudhoe Bay development project he moved on with BP as Director of Production Technology in Dallas.

In 1991 he served as International President of the Society of Petroleum Engineers, also as President of its Foundation. Awarded the Society’s highest honors, he still serves on the Board of Trustees for AIME (American Institute of Mining, Metallurgy & Petroleum) and the SPE foundation. Skov retired to Santa Barbara in 1995, where he continues to write and speak on energy matters.

## Greet our New President:

President Peter Kruse, noting that he would be away for the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, gave a fond farewell as club prexy, passing the symbolic gavel over to incoming president Robin Durkee (term beginning July 1).

## Hooch Honchos:

The Metaxa went to Pat Brumbach  
The 2005 Summerland Sauvignon went to guest Paul ?  
Sid's 1998 Cabernet Sauvignon went to Rob Henny



## Welcome Our Guests

Kent Cullen introduced 3 guest/new members who have all qualified for membership:

**Derral Caswell** – hosted by Pat Brumbach, former owner of Knapp Nursery in Goleta. He is an American history buff.

**Bob Cresap** – hosted by Walt Clapp, is a retired insurance broker from Palo Alto, CA. His interests are food, wine and travel.

**Ted Ross** – Hosted by Bob Logan, is a retired engineer. He is interested in constructing models and gadgetry that is animated.

## New Roster:

Check the 2007-2008 roster for any changes you would like to make for the new summer edition.

Give info to: Robin Durkee- 682-6920

e-Mail: [4robin@verizon.net](mailto:4robin@verizon.net)

## Dues Coming Due July 1

First notice of annual 2008-2009 dues now payable. Gentlemen: Please remit \$60.00 to Cosmopolitan Club of S.B. – mailing address: P.O. Box 3993, S.B.CA 93130-3993. Let's not repeat last year's tardy responses!

### In Memorium:

John D. Merritt, M.D., member since 1997 passed away on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Memorial services for John were held at Mt. Carmel Church on May 31. He will be missed by many.

## Cosmo Special Event

Save August 14, 2008 and join fellow Cosmos for a great Theaterfest Event. Package includes an overnight at the Inn in Petersen Village, Solvang. Event includes full buffet breakfast and



two reservation tickets to the PCPA show under the Stars production of "RAGTIME." Included is wine tasting and gourmet dinner for two in the hotel restaurant – Café Provence. All inclusive cost of \$299.00 per couple. Sign up early, since only a limited number of rooms can be held.

Call Angelo Crippa – 962-0843 for details

## Regular Events:

### Bridge winners for June 5 were:

1 <sup>st</sup> – Ed Loper	3700pts.
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Bill Kucera	3390 pts.
3 <sup>rd</sup> - Jim Belden	3090 pts.



Join us for fun Bridge after our next meeting June 19<sup>th</sup>. We meet upstairs after the meeting and play until 3:30  
Contact Pres Gould at 964-6568 or [pwgould@cox.net](mailto:pwgould@cox.net)

## Golf Weekly:

More golfers needed – please join us for relaxed golf & great camaraderie...

*At Twin Lakes* - Mondays at 9:00 A.M. (Tuesday on Monday holidays). \$9.00 for 9 holes (par 29); have fun improving your short game. Easy walking, flat course, open to all Cosmo members.



*At Ocean Meadows* - Wednesdays at 8:30 A.M. \$14.00 for 9 holes (par 36) with play card. Improve your long shots. Open to all Cosmo members.  
Chair Lynn Garten, 969-2466, [garten\\_sba@msn.com](mailto:garten_sba@msn.com)

## S.A.G.E. Investment Group:

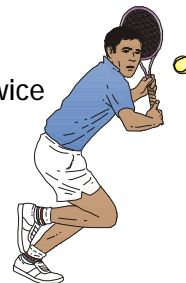
Welcome to all Cosmo members to discuss economic trends & current issues. We meet at 10 A.M. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Elks Club, 2nd floor, followed by a no-host luncheon. We do not select or buy any stocks.  
Chair Mac McMillin, 969-4064, [macstech@cox.net](mailto:macstech@cox.net)



## Tennis:

The Cosmo Tennis Group plays doubles twice a week, and all tennis players are invited. We play at a private court in Shadow Hills starting at 8 A.M., Mondays and Thursdays.

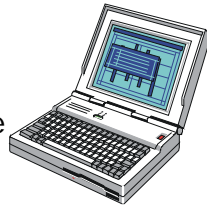
Bruce Long, 692-4072 or  
Walter Mead, 682-3045.



## Cosmo Computer Society:

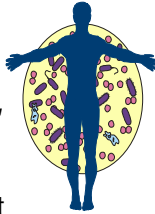
Next meeting is Tuesday, June 17.  
We meet upstairs at the Elks Club on the third Tuesday of each month. Open discussion starts at 10 AM. The feature presentation follows at 10:30, concluding with a no-host fellowship luncheon.

Chair, Howard Glenn, 967-2633, [hbglennc@cox.net](mailto:hbglennc@cox.net)



## Last Meeting:

Our speaker, introduced by Russ Tyler, M.D., was Dr. Steven Hosea. His subject: "Newer Developments in Infectious Diseases." Dr. Hosea is presently the primary consultant at Cottage Hospital for infectious diseases. His bio is a most impressive; one which was made apparent when he comprehensively covered the sources, characteristics, treatments and ramifications of the most prevalent infectious diseases of our day.



Starting with Smallpox, he traced the first indications of this disease back to the mummy of Rameses II, where facial evidence is still detectable on the body. Now eradicated world-wide, the last case in the U.S. dates back to 1949. The only viable strain remaining is kept in laboratory seclusion.

The Variola virus has several forms, where the common variety has a 30% fatality rate (with normal treatment), whereas two more virulent forms are usually more lethal. Dr. Hosea pointed out the susceptibility of Smallpox to new populations, i.e., the American Indians, who suffered great losses from European immigration. Another of the family of virus' is Cowpox, which has been limited to Europe and is not a fatal disease.

As to Influenza, it was brought to our attention forcibly during the great pandemic of 1918, when the variety was called "Spanish Lady." Our WWI army suffered many casualties, as well as the general population, from 1916 on through the spring of 1919, when it ran its course. The first effective vaccine was developed in 1945, but new developments promise near immunity.

The variety known as Bird (Avian) flu is carried mostly by wild birds, but transmitted by poultry to humans. Found mostly in Asia and parts of Africa, it can kill up to 50% of its victims where treatment is not updated. Noting that "the clock is ticking" with the 45N1 variety, Dr. Hosea relates that it is pandemic about every 30 years and can mutate readily, making it a future menace.

Our speaker called particular attention to the disease

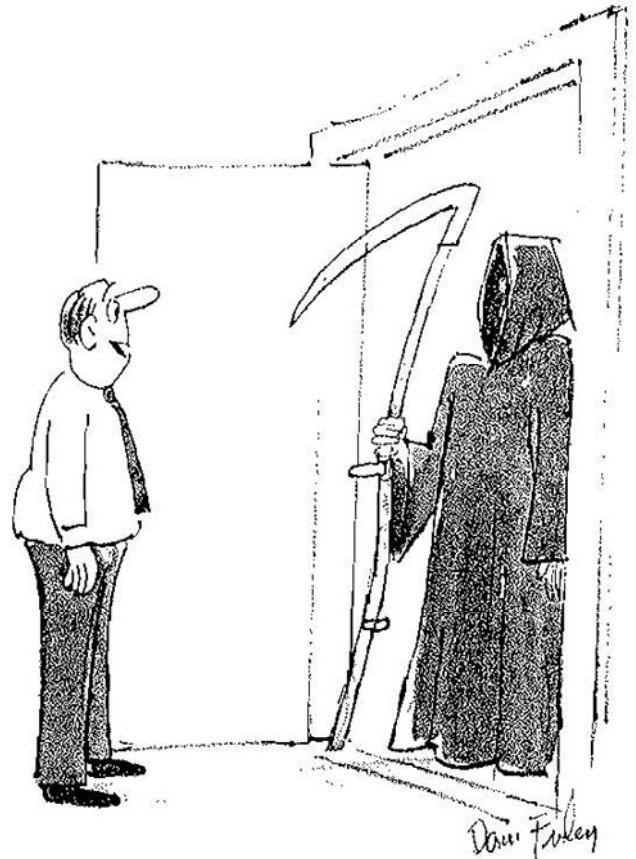
Staphylococcus aurea which carries a 20% death rate. He recounted the accidental discovery of Penicillin in 1928 by Alexander Fleming, where after ten years, it was found to be the antibacterial antidote for "staph."

SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) – A new viral disease recently found in China where it killed 8437 people in 2003, appears to be the next possible pandemic. Although now under control, it is a menace because of the large rural population it would infect.

One of the most talked-about diseases – Aids, was covered in some detail by Dr. Hosea. Now under fairly good control most places, it still is rampant in the 3<sup>rd</sup> world.

AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency) is a disease with well-known transmission vectors, however, it is being perpetuated by other means, as outlined in the book Animals For Food. It seems that monkeys, chimps and other animals eaten by some people carry a virulent form of HIV, hence can result in AIDS.

Our speaker anticipated some questions about Shingles, then covered some queries about other infectious diseases, including the Ebola plague. Altogether, it was a comprehensive address that overviewed the important need-to-know items.



*"Couldn't I do a couple hundred hours of community service instead?"*

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