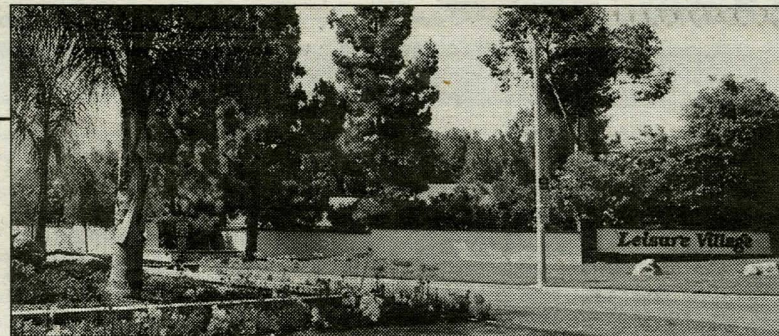


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Academic Olympics needs you as a judge

By Bill Himstreet

The 2002 Camarillo Academic Olympics, a city-wide competition to recognize academic achievement by students in grades 4 to 8, will be held this spring. This also will be the 18th year of sponsorship of the Creative Writing competition by the Leisure Village Women's Club, an undertaking they have engaged in since the 1984 inception of the Olympics.

Students may enter three of the 10 events covering U.S. and world history, geography, current events, math, science,

art, creative writing, grammar, and speech. The Organizing Committee has worked for several months in test preparation and logistics, with the first round of tests and performance in all schools in February leading to city semifinals and finals in March.

Villagers are invited to assist as judges in speech and creative writing. Please call Bill Himstreet, 987-2193, Judge Coordinator. You'll have written guides and companionship during the few hours of your volunteer time, and you'll have a lot of fun while you're at it.

Aging plumbing puts LV in some hot water

Fourfold increase in water damage claims will trigger a rise in monthly fees unless homeowners take preventive measures.

By Jerry Hoffman

Master policy claims show alarming cost increases as plumbing ages in Leisure Village. Slab leaks and other water damaging defects are now almost four times more than they were in 1996. This will result in an increase in monthly fees to the homeowners.

Most of the copper piping and valves in and beneath our homes have now exceeded their 20-year life rating, and replacing or repairing the damaged area is only a stop-gap procedure.

Some of our homeowners, to avoid the trauma of sometimes finding themselves wading in hot or cold water and facing the resulting water damages, have bitten the bullet and had their units copper repiped overhead.

Copper repiping generally includes replacing everything

from the service entry to both hot and cold water-using appliances. Fees for such without upgrades (mixing valves and recirculating pumps) can run from \$1,500 to \$3,000 depending upon numbers of appliances and plumbing configuration.

Our administration placed in the Village Voice a few months ago an excellent article titled, "Let's Take Responsibility." It informed homeowners of steps to take to avoid water damaging equipment failures, along with the associated costs in our homes. It could also save some of the family heirlooms you have promised your children.

The foregoing article also had an offer of \$30 plus parts to inspect and repair all defective angle stops, shutoff valves and flex lines. Only an estimated 50 owners took advantage of this. What a shame!

In defense of ILV

By Sandy Okum

ILV has tried to be fair and neutral at all times during the recent attempt at recalling the present board. In October, due to lack of space, ILV was only able to print 14 letters. Seven letters were for the recall and seven letters were against the recall. In order to print these 14 letters, Club News had to be drastically cut. In the November issue, ILV printed every letter for a total of 29.

The paper is a good outlet for Leisure Village residents to voice their opinions on issues that concern them. The letters are not to be profane, inflammatory or libelous. ILV has no control over the amount of space it is given for the news by the Camarillo Star. The ads come first, and remember, it is the advertisements that pay for our paper.

I want to thank the hundreds of Leisure Village residents who have complimented us for re-issuing the paper.



An interview with Carolyn Pratt

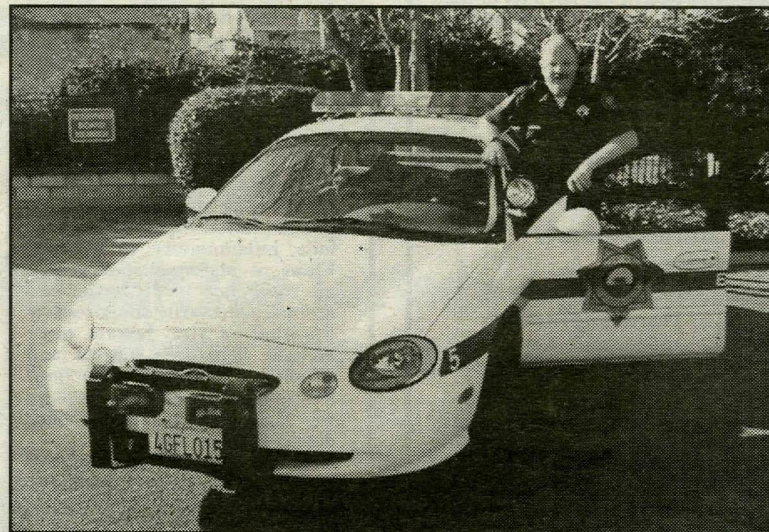
By Hal Chenetz

Now that the recall distraction is history, ILV interviewed Caroline Pratt, President of the Leisure Village Board of Directors, in order to determine what the future holds. At the time of writing, the board was heavily

involved in preparing the 2002-2003 budget. The budget will determine to what extent the Village properties and streets can be maintained along with the exteriors of homes and common area and the administration of Village

Please see **PRATT** on 5

Jim Moore is new security chief



By Hal Chenetz

Leisure Village welcomed Jim Moore as the new Security Chief. Jim previously served the Village for 10 years starting as a Patrol Officer in 1988 shortly after completing his education as a Medical and Emergency Technician at Ventura College. He quickly rose to Lieutenant as evidence of his knowledge of the needs of the community. Jim is a native Californian, born in Santa Monica. He now lives locally and attended ACHS in Camarillo.

Jim's department includes

WELCOME BACK: Jim Moore is back at LV, this time as chief.

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LETTERS

It's over. The recall attempt has failed. The Board is still Boarding, and the Residents are still residing, and the Village has come through the trauma slightly bloodied but unbowed.

I am proud that we actually had a decent election without using uzis and hand grenades, as happens in about half the countries of the world. We fight with rhetoric and invective, and sometimes a good dose of Billingsgate. But when it's over, we shake hands, make up, and get on with life.

Our task now is to forget this event, put it behind us, and stop holding grudges and throwing brickbats when there can be no result except bitterness and divisiveness. Nobody who was for the recall will convince the Board supporters that they should have voted otherwise, and no Board supporter will ever convince the pro-recall group that their cause was unjust. So why try? Why not get on with life, this beautiful life we have here, and come back together to work toward a better future, rather than dwell in the bitter past?

My Daddy taught me a very simple principle: Things that divide people are bad, things that bring people together are good. Let's get back together and enjoy life, relax, and smile at our neighbors again.

Robert Koster, V. 24

On Nov. 5, 2001, I read the following letter at the Open Board Meeting. Mrs. Pratt immediately responded. Her response was defamatory and without basis in fact.

I trust no other homeowner will ever be subjected to the harassment and humiliation that this board has chosen to

inflict on me.

As of this date I am rescinding my offer to amicably settle with this board for their letter of apology and with no cost to the association. This board seems to enjoy legal confrontations, and competent legal advisors have informed me that this board has, once again, placed this association in jeopardy of yet another lawsuit.

This past two years have left us with many unanswered questions, i.e.:

1. Why have we never seen a itemized account of the money the board approves for Mr. Lingl over and above his retainer fee?

2. How many court cases and court costs could have been avoided?

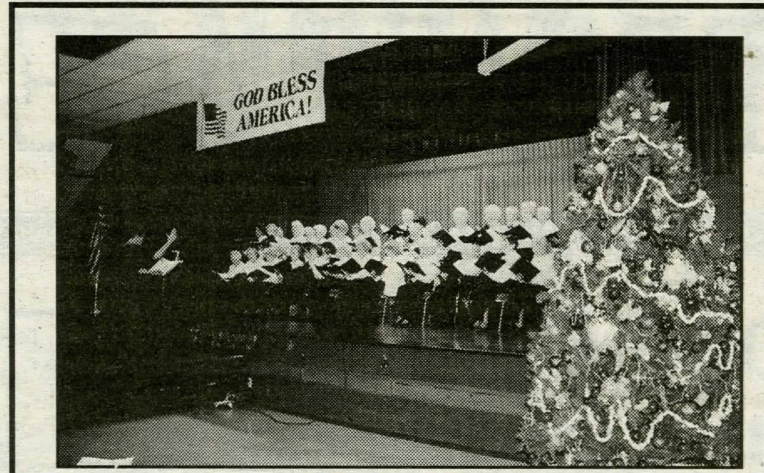
3. How many times has this board placed this association in needless legal jeopardy?

4. How many times has this board submitted irresponsible claims to our insurance carrier?

As an Officer of the Court, I am horrified at the abusive use of power demonstrated by this board. Unfortunately, this board appears confused. They were elected to work in our best interests, not in the interests of their own private agendas.

Genevieve M. Leventhal, V. 25

The homeowners have voted, and even those who were most vociferous in their demand for a recall must, and will, accept the decision. However, as I was unable to complete my statement on Nov. 5 due to the ill-mannered interruption by Chair Pratt and Director Miller and my subsequent heart attack, I would like to, at least, summa-



LEISURE VILLAGE CHORALE: Chorale members are joined by director Marcine Jardine and accompanist Dorothy Weiss in a holiday concert.

rize the main part.

Had I continued reading my statement, they would have found that I answered them. Therefore, I have asked the editors of Inside Leisure Village if they would publish the pertinent points.

When I was so rudely interrupted, I was about to answer a question posed by a homeowner at a previous open board meeting, when he asked for an accounting of legal expenses concerning several lawsuits against the association, a question Chair Pratt refused to answer.

Earlier this year I had filed an action against the association in Small Claims Court for an unjustified fine of \$135. I won this suit, but then Chair Pratt decided to appeal the judgment in Superior Court. My attorney's fee for defending this action came to \$1,500. I leave it to the reader to speculate how much attorney Lingl was paid from association funds. Lingl's argument, in effect, was: As this was a private community, with a freely elected board, the board could impose any regulation they wished provided it did not contravene the CC&Rs. The judge concurred with this argument and overturned the lower court's decision.

I ended my statement by

saying, "I have accused the board members of insulting behavior, am I not guilty of the same behavior toward them? Indeed I am; the difference is, in my case, it was intentional."

G. Robinson, V. 11

I was appalled by the events of Nov. 5 in the Assembly Room. Is it necessary to use an angry or derogatory tone and pejorative terminology when presenting the facts of an important issue? Is being a member of the minority opinion cause for insult, or permission to be insulting? What is at stake that is being so hotly contested — power? Wounded egos? At the age that we have attained, are we still concerned with those things?

We are all living in a supposedly peaceful retirement community after working very hard most of our lives. Must we now contend with all this rage, from both sides?

Florence Gillman, V. 42

Fellow Villagers, I recently watched the video of the Nov. 5 board meeting. What a sight! We personally have a lot of money invested in our home here, as all the rest of you do. This is a corporation worth millions of dollars. This is not a club, but a business.

How many of you have attended or taken part in corporate board meetings? I bet most of us have. After viewing this debacle, I know that we need professional management. We do not need personalities to decide the value of our investment. We don't need personalities micro-managing our interests.

I trust that not many potential-buyers saw this or attended the board meeting. That is a scary thought. If I can be of any help in getting professional management in here, let me know.

Until then, those on the board and those interested in what is going on, from a political point of view, should behave themselves as their Mamas and Daddies told them to, lo those many years ago.

Mary Nell Gifford, V. 20

Evidently something is wrong when residents don't want to hear how their money is wasted and then covered up. Fact: The Board sent out letters dated 11-28 using association stationery with metered postage sent through the association office postage meter, assembled by our staff (a few letters did have 34-cent stamps sent to certain homeowners), although at the Open Board Meeting of Dec. 3, President Pratt swore that they and their supporters paid for the postage and mailed the letters. If homeowners looked at their envelopes, they would have seen a postage metered stamp. (We have a number in hand to prove our point). Another untruth by this board.

Donna Duke, V. 7

Why would the board argue that it only paid a \$5,000 deductible towards a \$250,000 settlement? The real question is: Why did homeowners have to pay any deductible in the first place?

I've been in the insurance business for over half my life, and I can tell you that insurance companies don't settle a claim unless 1) they feel certain it's the fault of their insured; and 2) that they're relatively sure that if the case goes to trial, it would end up costing them even more money.

So why was the association involved in settling a wrongful termination case if it was not the association's fault? And what did the association or employee(s) do to cause such a settlement to be paid? If you've ever been in an automobile accident, you know your premium goes up if the accident is your fault.

If the board is doing such a good job for us as they profess they are, why are they keeping the many lawsuits hidden from us? I can tell you that they all don't have confidential clauses attached to them. The board has a fiduciary duty to tell us about lost and settled lawsuits after they've been resolved. It's part of the Common Interest Development Open Meeting Act.

To sum it up, it behooves the board and general manager to do a better job so as to

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Deadlines for next month

The Display Advertising deadline for the February 2002 issue will be Monday, Jan. 21, at 5 p.m. Deadline for letters, club news, stories and photos is Wednesday, Jan. 23, at 5 p.m. Publication is scheduled for Feb. 15. Typed copy, double-spaced, should be deposited in the ILV box in the Recreation Center hallway. Handwritten material should be submitted early to allow for typing.

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Space permitting, whatever was not printed in this issue due to space limitations will be considered for the next.

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eliminate causes or lawsuits that we cannot win and should have been avoided in the first place.

Ed Evans, V. 32

I'm an author-journalist and take my oath seriously. Wanting to do something positive for the Village, I prepared a handbook about Leisure Village, describing board meetings, responsibilities of the association and homeowners, assessments, how to handle disasters, etc.

I offered the handbook for association use, free of charge. But the current board (minus Mr. Griswold) couldn't decide whether to approve it. Six weeks passed and I withdrew my offer. After that, Chair Pratt spent hundreds of dollars having Mr. Lingl write me two-page letters claiming ownership of my handbook. The handbook was not a work for hire; I wasn't paid to create it; the undertaking was not an assignment of mine, and it was not incidental to my position as a director. To stop the harassment, I had it copyrighted.

I sued Chair Pratt as an agent of Leisure Village.

Although she was served with the complaint, she had the general manager sit with her for over three hours before the case was even heard, and then he spoke for her. Association counsel prepared a legal brief that the judge didn't even look at — all of this for a claim of \$126?

The judge ruled that ownership of the handbook was mine, but because I'd asked for board input, I couldn't recover for the board's defacement of it. Why waste thousands for a claim of \$126 and refuse free use of a valuable asset? Why announce this small claims case but hide dozens of lawsuits that cost homeowners thousands of dollars? Ask your board.

Ethel Ann Pemberton, V. 37

A few weeks ago, I sat down at my computer. I opened the blinds so I could enjoy the scenery as I labored. Out front, by my vehicle were two "officers." One was jotting down information while the second was busy taking pictures from several angles. I pondered. Do they think the car is stolen? Has it been reported as used in a major crime? I'd better go see.

"Hi guys," I said. "What's

going down?"

"The nose of your vehicle is encroaching into the mail box area."

"Oh my God. Get out the cuffs. I'll be an old man before I get out of prison. Gentlemen. It's a holiday. There is no mail delivery today. Didn't you get the memo?"

"Doesn't matter" the "officer" told me. "If a little old lady in her wheelchair wants to check her box or post a letter, you are preventing her from doing so."

"This is just a warning," the second "officer" told me. "Please sign here."

I humbly apologized for being so ignorant and accepted the warning.

A couple of weeks later I walked out to place some mail in our box. Parked directly in front, blocking all three boxes, was a Leisure Village vehicle. Pretty official. Even had traffic cones out. There were lawn mowers in the back. Why park there? There was room in front. There was room to the rear. There are no mail boxes across the street. Out of curiosity, I drove over to the Security Office.

"Why," I asked, "do I receive a warning for parking in front of a mail box but a

Leisure Village vehicle is permitted to park there?"

Ready for this?

"He is working," I am told.

"In other words, the traffic laws that apply to residents do not apply to workers?"

"Not if they are working," he told me, not picking up on what I was suggesting.

So Villagers, beware. If a vehicle is going down your street at 40 miles an hour, doesn't stop for you in a crosswalk, parks wherever they see fit and says "Leisure Village" on its door, it's just your government at work.

Roger S. Williams, V. 16

I have lived here for seven and a half years. At first I was impressed with most aspects of Leisure Village: the well-kept grounds, the security, availability of facilities. It wasn't long before I sensed that some individuals on our Board(s) of Directors were possibly driven by personal aspirations rather than a true desire to contribute beneficially to the community.

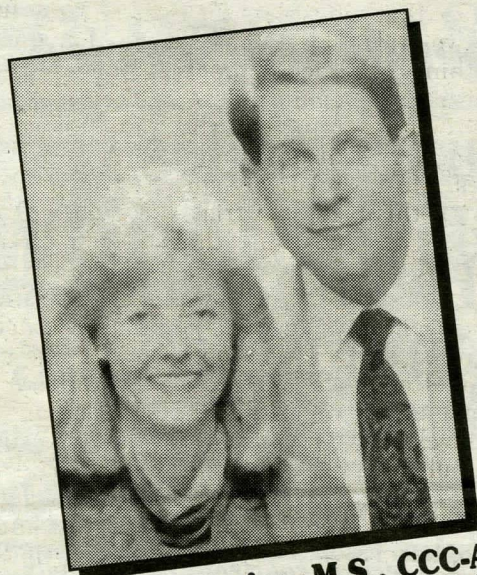
We have elected our board members. We should make every effort to abide by their decisions. If the elected members fail to perform their duties in a manner legitimate-

ly determined to be unacceptable, established procedures should be followed to replace them. I am embarrassed and bewildered by the actions of a handful of malcontents whose feelings have been offended.

This is not to absolve board members of contributing to the rebellious actions we have just dealt with. An example is the manner in which the chairperson summarily silences residents, stating abuse of time limitations as justification. When board members make their comments, however, time limitation is not a consideration. The arrogance displayed by some of the board members, past and present, has no place in Leisure Village. In like manner, immature behavior from the residents should seek other outlets.

My fervent dream is for everyone who has been a contributing participant in the destruction of our Village dignity, to step back and observe, with shame, the divisive chaos they have spawned. Another approach would be for all of us to behave as the adults we are supposed to be.

James C. Boteler, V. 16



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MEMORIALS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thanks to all our wonderful friends in the Village. Your get-well cards, calls and food were greatly appreciated. I also recuperated faster because of all your well wishes. Thanks to all of you.

Phil Kamens, V. 17

Kudos to our Security Department. On Dec. 15, while we were attending our great-grandson's Gymnastics Olympics USA competition, we realized we had forgotten to turn the stove off. We called Security, and they took care of everything. We are most thankful for our Security Department.

Billie and Al Pachter, V. 15

I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all my wonderful friends and neighbors for their

thoughtfulness and caring during my recent surgeries. The many cards, tributes, calls, visits and goodies not only warmed my heart, but helped speed the recovery process. There is no place like Leisure Village, where loving and caring for each other just seem to be a way of life. Thank you one and all. I feel truly blessed and I am grateful to each and every one of you!

Bernice Epstein, V. 44

Thank you to my dear friends and neighbors for your donations, calls, goodies and your love. My knee replacement was a success, and I am on the mend.

Ruth Fridberg, V. 34

My beloved husband, Bill Stubbs, lost his courageous yearlong battle with lung can-

cer. The outpouring of prayers and support from our friends was so very much appreciated. I want to say a special thank you, with love in my heart, to my "extended family" in Village 39. You helped me to keep up my spirits and strength during this most difficult year. I love you! Bill's last breath on Earth was his first breath in Heaven.

Nancy Stubbs, V. 39

Heartfelt thanks to my friends in Leisure Village for the many cards, calls and well wishes I received after my recent triple bypass surgery. I'm improving daily and look forward to resuming activities here, particularly folk dancing! Thanks again.

Irv Wieselmann, V. 28

In Memoriam

Sylvia Heller, V. 44
Joan Guhl, formerly V. 25
Fern Joy, formerly V. 31
Ted Kamola, formerly V. 15
Helen Ramsey, V. 6
Richard Leo, V. 6
Lola Hansen, V. 22
Dick Brill, V. 19
Stella Pupich, V. 5
Sidney Martin, V. 24
Janice Peralta, V. 31
Julius Lueke, V. 4
Mel Myerson, V. 17
Charlotte Meltzer, V. 44
Don Chism, V. 6

Bob Rosien, V. 22
Bess Carlisle, V. 1
Dorothy Daniels, V. 6
Trudy Bussard, V. 38
Gabriel Catalogne, V. 42
Jack Michelson, V. 5
Bruno Torchia, V. 11
Alfred Tusso, V. 18
Sidney Heller, V. 17
Bill Stubbs, V. 39
Joseph F. Donahue, V. 37
Lillian Brownstein, V. 42
Sherrie McGuire, V. 33
Alvin Bruene, V. 29

If anyone knows of the death of a Villager, please advise Jean Aird, 482-6660. It will be greatly appreciated.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Caregivers Support Group meets the first Friday of the month at 1 p.m. in the Lanai Room. We have Jim Sheldon, our facilitator from the Health Care Center. It will help you. Information: 482-6660.

Bereavement Support Group meets every Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Lanai or Sun Room. Come and join us. We're a good group. We support each other. Information: 482-6660.

Rules on disabled-parking placards

In order to ensure that all drivers are in compliance with the Vehicle Code, including handicapped drivers, these rules were issued and are meant protect the rights of the handicapped driver:

- You are the only person who can use the parking placard for parking or for service station use.
- It is illegal to lend your placard to another person.
- It is illegal to use someone else's placard.
- It is illegal to possess or display a counterfeit placard.
- It is illegal to provide false information to obtain a placard.

• It is illegal to alter a placard or a placard identification card.

• It is illegal to drive with the placard hanging from your rear-view mirror. Do not disregard the warning on your placard: "Remove from mirror before driving."

Placard abuse can result in the cancellation and revocation of the placard and loss of privileges it provides, and violators can be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. The fines are high to ensure compliance with the rules. Penalties range from \$70 to \$250 to \$1,000 depending on how many citations have been issued.

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Braille Institute Classes: Starting in January, the Braille Institute will present 15 free weekly classes titled, "There Are Solutions in Sight." Each session will discuss a separate and different subject, including: understanding vision loss; locating needed services; managing daily living skills; legal rights; home management; macular degeneration; and special household equipment. All classes will be taught by professional instructors from

the Braille Institute.

You may attend all or any or as many of the sessions as you wish. The classes are being held in the Sun Room, on consecutive Thursday afternoons from 1 to 2:30 p.m., through April 11. You may register whenever you attend your first session.

These classes are intended not just for those who are already experiencing some kind of vision problems, but for their friends, relatives,

spouses and caretakers as well; and also for anyone interested and concerned about what may happen to his/her own vision in the future.

For additional information, please call the Braille Institute at (805) 983-3324.

The Village Painters: Monday afternoon art classes are held in the Lanai Room at 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome to the class, beginners and experienced alike. Materials are

provided, as is instruction and help with art projects. For further information, call Ruth Miller at 482-3471 or just stop by to see the activity.

Oxnard Adult School Sewing Classes: Registration for the Spring semester will take place in the Sewing Room on Wednesday, Jan. 30, at 9 a.m. for the morning class, and at 1 p.m. for the afternoon class. There will also be a Thursday morning class for which registration will take place at 9 a.m. The cost for the semester is \$10 for seniors and \$15 for all others. Thelma McHenry will teach the morning classes. Karen Dress will teach the Wednesday after-

noon class. Bring your project to the first class. Call Celia Gordon for information at 484-3441.

55 Alive: Sign up now for the next 55 Alive class to be held on Feb. 15 and 16 from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. Everyone who takes the test will be given a discount on their automobile insurance for three years according to California law. It will be helpful to persons who are due to take the examination for renewing their license. The cost is \$10. For more information as to registration or payment please call Naomi Balfour at 987-9851 or Zo Simmons at 484-5205.

PRATT

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programs. As the Village ages and prices increase, it is a struggle to hold maintenance fees and ensure the property values and the type of place to spend retirement.

Another program the Board will be concerned with is the long-standing liberal practice by the Association of paying claims that should be the responsibility of the homeowner. With the fiscal year not

at an end, there is \$81,662.23 paid out in claims. The board has established an ad hoc executive committee to study the insurance liability and the need, if necessary, to change CC&Rs. Director Carol Sweeney will head this committee.

Another committee to study requests of some homeowners to investigate outside property management costs and levels of service needed in the Leisure Village type of environment will be chaired by Ed Hawthorne.

A pet project has been

water management. In 2002 the Association will be implementing a two-year \$360,000 investment. This includes new equipment for improved distribution, and monitoring and control of irrigation water. The Camrosa Water District will participate and grants will be sought. The ultimate goal is more effective water systems and cost savings.

Ms. Pratt stated that Board members are open to new ideas and welcome the positive participation of all homeowners.

SECURITY

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11 Patrolmen and the gate-keeping contingent and is currently seeking someone for the Lieutenant position. There is an ongoing search for quality people.

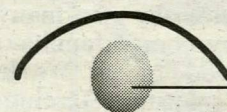
All in all, Jim is satisfied with services as they are now provided. Cody Madison, the previous Chief, is now happily employed as a full-time peace officer in Santa Paula.

Jim is a large, exuberant man who really gives the feeling of security.

We are delighted to have him back.

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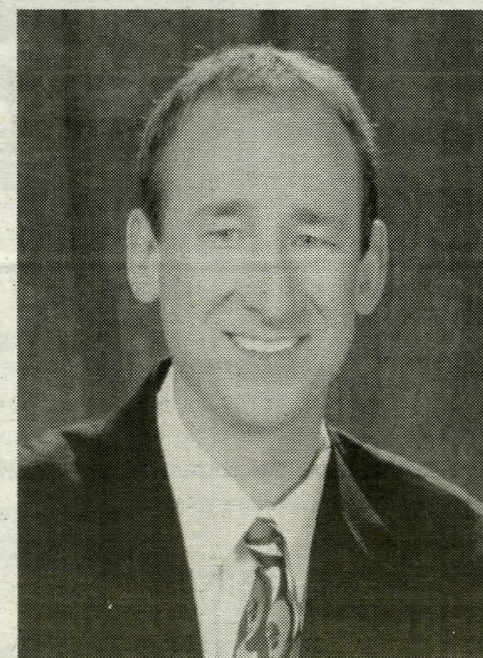
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CLUB NEWS

Village Painters

By Ruth Miller

The newly elected board of the Village Painters consists of Sylvia Wachter, President; Judy Zeff, Vice-President and Program Chair; Maxine Fritz, Secretary; Marion Jayne, Treasurer; Ruth Miller, Publicity; Marceil Weston, Social; Isabel Petrow, Membership and Phones; Marge Curry, Historian; and Rea Williams, Art Show.

This board recently met to plan upcoming events. These events will include interesting demonstrations of different art media by experts, "show and tell" by members, actual hands-on art projects, pot-luck luncheons, videos of famous artists, and plans to present an Artist of the Month, who will show paintings in our Village Library.

The club continues to meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. in the MPR. Info: Ruth Miller at 482-3471.

Saturday Night Dance

Saturday Night Ballroom Dance meets every Saturday from 8 to 10:30 p.m. in the AR. It's 50 cents per person and refreshments are served. Info: 482-6660.



OFFICERS: From left, Sylvia Mopper, Irv Jacobs, Fran Greenwald-Frank, Diane Honick, Ilene Hasen, Helene Haleman, Milt Eisner, and, center front, Bob Sklarz.

The LVNYC has ended its first year with a total of 230 members. Elections were held, and the following officers will serve in 2002: Milt Eisner, President; Irv Jacobs, 1st VP; Fran G.-Frank, 2nd VP; Helene Haleman and Diane Honick, Secy.; Eileen Hasen and Bob Sklarz, Treasurer; Sylvia Mopper,

L.V. New York Club

Financial Treasurer.

The LVNYC meets the second Thursday of each month in the AR. An attempt is made to have meetings and outings with a NY connection. Info: Bob Sklarz, 482-5001.

L.V. Chorale

By Sally Yale

The Holiday Concert was met with much enjoyment by the audience and many compliments were received by both the members and soloists of the chorale.

Chorale rehearsals will begin on Monday, Jan. 21, at

12:30 p.m. in the MPR. We would appreciate more tenors and baritones joining our group to round out the sound and enjoy singing with our Chorale. We will be featuring songs from movies this season, so many of the songs will be familiar and a pleasure to sing.

We have a great director, Marcine Jardine, and a most talented accompanist, Dorothy Weiss. Info: Sally at 482-2554.

Ceramics Plus

By Martin Ettinger

As usual, Ceramics Plus did not meet in December. The next meeting will be our brunch get-together on Thursday, Jan. 24. Welcome to our newest members, dentists Dave Nimelstein and Len Koenig and artist Hy Golditch. We help all members at all levels of expertise. The annual fee of \$3 is due in January.

Single Active Seniors

By Zelda Greentree

While our columnist, Joni Neckerman, is off galavanting around Japan or Australia, stay-at-home Greentree will substitute for her this month. And just in case you didn't gain any weight during the recent holidays, Single Active Seniors will remedy that at their annual installation dinner on Feb. 12. Reservations are a must at 389-9694. Watch Channel 8 and the Village bulletin boards for further information.

mation. Of course, come to our weekly Tuesday evening meetings and you will know everything!

On Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. in the Annex, the period drama, "The Golden Bowl," with Uma Thurman and Nick Nolte, will be shown.

A special treat is in store for us at our March 12 meeting. "Create-A-Smile" animal-assisted therapy teams will bring their wonderful dogs to our meeting that evening.

Our regular "News & Views," movies and game nights will fill in the rest of the month.

Channel 8

By Art Kaufman

You saw it first on Channel 8! "Village Voice" comes out once a month, "Inside Leisure Village" also once a month. But Channel 8 has fresh news every day, 24 hours a day! If there is a notice from the Association or from the Recreation Office, it is there, fresh every day. Each club, and there are more than 50 in

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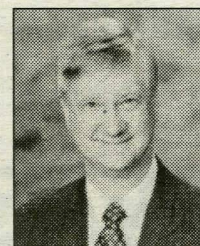
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the Village, lets you know when and where they meet and what events are upcoming. So, if you wish to be informed on what is happening in the Village, Channel 8 is the place to find out. We offer not only news, but a variety of entertainment. The Players Guild offerings are often tele-typed and telecast. Showtime entertainment also is shown. Then there are our own programs, book reviews, movie reviews, interviews with outstanding Villagers, to name but a few. So, we repeat, watch Channel 8, be informed, be entertained!

Computer Club

By Winifred Singleton

As the new year begins, the club will be ready to help any residents who may be the proud owners of new computers following the gift-giving season. New beginners classes will be starting, and the self-instruction sessions for Macs will resume. Printed schedules of dates and times of all classes may be picked up from the rack outside the Computer Lab or viewed on Channel 8. There are also application forms for new members.

Club dues are \$5, payable on Jan. 1 each year. All membership dues, new and renew-

al, may be paid at the General Meeting held on the second Friday of the month at 10 a.m. in the AR or by check deposited in the box outside the Computer Lab.

In addition to the monthly General Meetings there are SIGS (Special Interest Groups) covering various subjects, and details of these will be shown on Channel 8 and also at the Computer Lab.

Info: Mort Marcovitz at 482-4492.

Veterans Club

By Martin Alfred

The Veterans Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Jan. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the MPR. It will be a very interesting meeting to hear of the experiences of our guest speaker, John Katuzney, a Prisoner of War in World War II. He was held by the Germans in the infamous Stalag 17. Our meetings are open to everyone, so come down for an evening of history related by someone who lived through it. Info: Marty at 389-1610.

Solo Club

By Bea Lawson

The Solo Club potluck dinner will be held on Feb. 8 at 6

p.m. in the AR. Members are requested to bring the following: A-G dessert; H-Q salad; R-Z main dish. On Feb. 15, bring a brown bag at 12:30 p.m. in the Sun Room, followed at 1 p.m. by the regular business meeting. Dues of \$3 for 2002 are due. Info: Marion, 484-5112.

Emergency Service

By Paul Kelwin

The Emergency Service Committee did not have a committee meeting in December. A planning meeting was held on Jan. 3 to start preparation for the DPX (Disaster Preparation exercise) to be held in February.

The Cobra radio operators and Amateur "HAM" radio people will be very involved in the February DPX. Please watch Channel 8 for more information.

Info: 987-1446.

Amateur Radio Club

By Paul Kelwin

The LV Amateur Radio Club is looking to the future. We realize the FCC (Federal

Communications Commission) licensed "HAMS" are dwindling. People are turning to computers rather than radio. However, computers cannot take the place of hand-held battery-operated radios. But we are required to rely now and in the future on whom we call our COBRA group. We are so thankful for them. COBRA is the manufacturer of the hand-held, battery-operated radio with which we are equipping them. Frequencies used are in the 462 Megahertz band, much higher than the CB (Citizen

Band) frequency of 27 Megahertz, which is so overcrowded as to be useless for emergency communications.

Anyone can join the COBRA group. You do not even have to be in our Emergency Service Organization or on any committee, etc.

The next meeting of the ESC/O will be on Tuesday, Feb. 5, in the Annex classroom. Info: Paul Kelwin at 987-1446, Eddie Vasquez at 484-1256, or Marge May at 484-4318.

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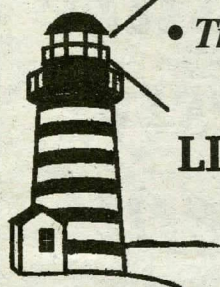
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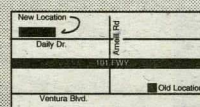
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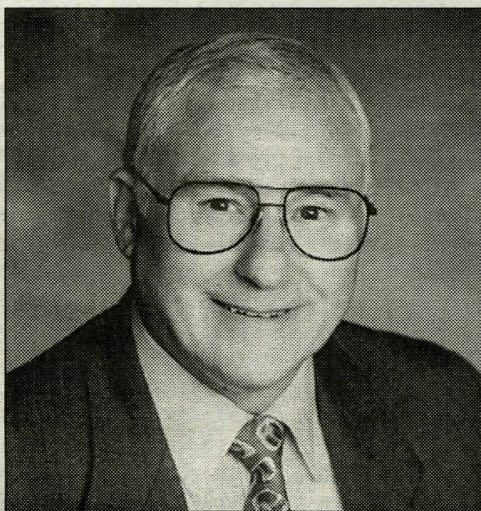
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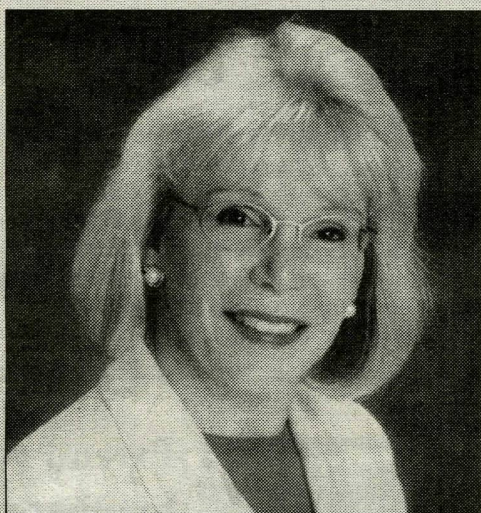
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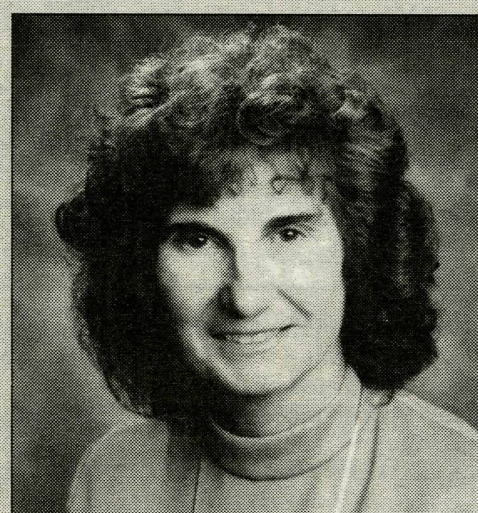
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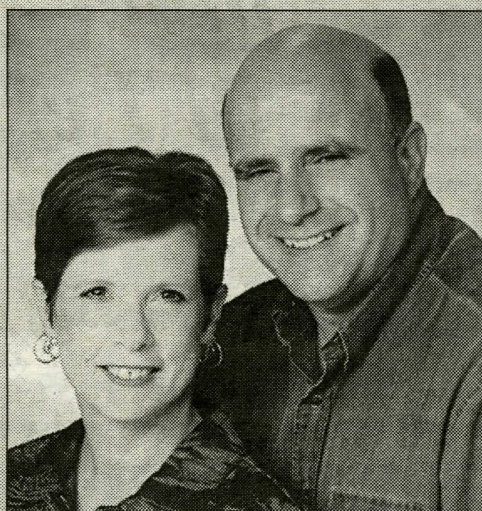
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L.V. Womens Golf Association

By Evelyn Lacy

Monthly meetings the second Wednesday of the month in the AR are at a new time: 2 p.m. Refreshments are at 1:30 p.m.

The Holiday Party, which men and women co-hosted for great food and entertainment, plus prizes donated by local businesses, was a wonderful evening.

Thanks for the generosity of all of the members at the December meeting with gifts for the shelter for battered women and their children.

Sunday, Jan. 20, remember the 19th Hole Chili Bowl. Men host; it's a wonderful time to see all your friends and enjoy the good food.

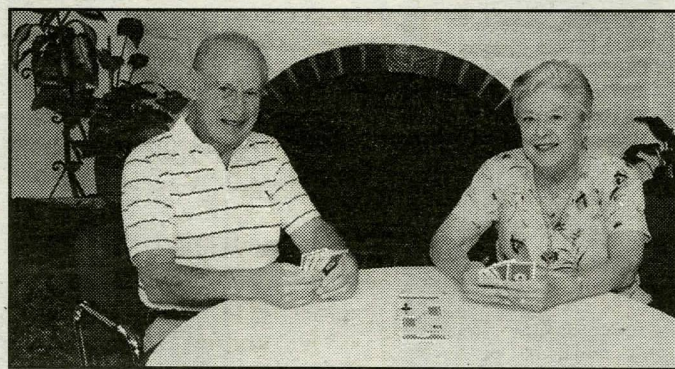
November Low Gross for 18ers, Char Woodward with 67; November Low Net, M. Bracher with 74-25-49; November Low Gross for 9ers, S. Kuroki Back 28; November Low Net, S. Kuroki back 28-7-21.

Happy New Year to all, and come and join the ladies playing golf in 2002.

L.V. Exercise Group

By Milt Mankoff

Members of the Leisure Village Exercise Group enjoyed a recent visit to the Moorpark College Wild Animal Center. Student keepers displayed a variety of wild animals and birds under their care and training. Participants



BRIDGE CHAMPS: Marty and Mitzi Ettinger.

The 26th annual Duplicate Bridge Tournament was held Nov. 12 in the AR. The overall winners were Mitzi and Marty Ettinger. Taking second were Eleanor Henke and Phil Duff. Blanche Burns and Martha Nunn were third. Clara Ballew and Edie Pedersen placed fourth, and fifth were Lucille Goldin and Leah Harris.

Duplicate Bridge

The five duplicate games held weekly in the GR are open to all Villagers and their guests. Playing times are Mondays at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesdays at 7 p.m.; Thursdays at 1 p.m. and Fridays at 7 p.m. Come early to sign up.

later enjoyed lunch together at a local restaurant.

Dec. 14 marked the annual Holiday Visit to patients of the Camarillo Convalescent Hospital. Gifts and refresh-

ments were distributed by Millie Mullery, Stephanie Spiegel, Verna Merrin, Jean Hart, Jim Rybin and Shiprah Maller. A special thank you goes to Ralph's for their dona-

tion of sugar-free cookies.

The LV Exercise Group meets Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 9 a.m. at the Pool Pavilion. All residents are welcome to participate.

Needleworks Etc.

By Celia Gordon

Needleworks Etc. meets every Friday in the Garden Room from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Did you get a kit that you need help with? Do you have a project that you would like to finish? Come see our pattern books. We do knitting, crocheting, needlepoint and crewel, and offer instructions in all these areas. Info: Celia, 484-3441.

Keyboard Club

By Joyce Turner

The aim of the Keyboard Club members and artists is to bring enjoyment to all who attend. It is the hope that

Villagers will form the habit to come and join in the fun and fellowship. Remember that the club meets every third Friday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the AR. Delicious refreshments are always served.

Classic Movies

By Bob Koster

For about half a year now I have been showing movies every month, sometimes twice a month. We screen in the AR and usually have a turnout of about 75 to 100 people. There is free popcorn and free punch, and coffee. And the movies are free. Just show up and see a good movie.

In December, we showed "The Bishop's Wife," with Loretta Young, Cary Grant, and David Niven. And in January we showed "The Black Pirate," with Douglas Fairbanks, Sr., a silent film, 1926, and the first Technicolor feature film.

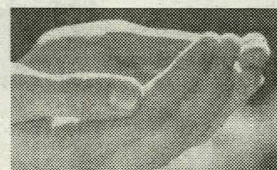
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On Feb. 10, I plan to show another Deanna Durbin picture, "100 Men and a Girl." Leopold Stokowski is in that one, and a good helping of classical music.

Info: 482-9117.

LV Travel

By Eugene Foxman

There are a lot of new residents in Leisure Village who may not be aware that the LV Travel Committee provides a valuable service: arranging trips to interesting places at a reasonable cost.

All trips are done in modern buses escorted by a member of the committee. You must make reservations in person at the travel office located in the lobby of the Recreation Center. Sorry, no phone reservations, please. Payment must be made by check at the time of the reservation. See below for office hours.

Please note that every trip has a cancellation date. This means that a cancellation made before this date is fully refundable except for a small fee. After this date, however, a refund will be made only if the

seat or hotel room is resold. Therefore, for your own protection, it is best to make your reservation early.

For details on present and future trips watch Channel 8 or see the notices in the Rec Center. Better still, stop by the Travel Office, which is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 to 11:45 a.m. The phone number is 482-8062.

Billiard Club

By Milan Weiss

The Billiard Club had an active year in 2001, guided by that year's president, Mannie Abbate. The club is looking forward to another active year under incoming President Sam Kay, Jr. Many tournaments will be scheduled and lots of instruction both in beginning and intermediate 8-Ball classes. The picnic, the parties, the ice-cream social and the annual dinner-dance are also a part of the Billiard Club. There is something for everyone in this club, and as a club member, the invitation is always open for your participation.

The winners of the 9-Ball Tournament, held in December, were: A Group, Jack Quinn; B Group, Joy Hess. Congratulations to each of you.

To get your name in the

2002 Handbook & Roster, your \$7 annual dues must be paid by Jan. 30. If you haven't done so, and as a reminder, bring your dues check to the next meeting or just deposit your check in the box in the Billiard Room.

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the MPR. Be there to greet your newly elected officers.

Country Line Dance

By Ida Kubica

The Country Line Dance Workshop all started back in the '70s with Marguerite Abdelnour and the able assistance of Tom Endo and Rhoda Smithkin. There were frequent performances given back then, with Marguerite designing and sewing most costumes for the dancers.

Our annual and only performance now is given for the Holiday Tree Trim Party, which was well received this year with a record number of dancers turning out. The dancers today prefer a more casual/fun concept. Therefore the club is open to all who wish to enjoy and learn line dancing for pleasure and good health.

New Villagers, join us on Tuesdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in AR. Try it, you may like it. Rhoda will get you started

with instructions 15 minutes before class time. Former members, get back into the swing of things. We miss you.

Info: Rhoda at 484-8132.

Players Guild

By Anne Wolfson

The Players Guild had no meeting in December but had their annual Holiday Party instead, with lots of good food, dancing, and entertainment!

Because of illness, our program, "The Honeymooners," scheduled for January, has been postponed until further notice, and in its place will be "Players Guild in Review," a tape of bits and pieces of comedica from former Guild Shows.

Our production of "Teahouse of the August Moon" is still in need of actors, actresses and backstage helpers. We need you. Please join us for lots of fun and camaraderie.

Liedeleers

By Selma Lich

The Liedeleers singing group celebrated the holiday season with cookies and song, and with memories of over 20 years. Some of the same songsters are still with the group. Those who are not were fondly remembered.

The members continue to meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 10 a. m. in the Lanai Room. Do come and enjoy the pleasures that only music can evoke. All are welcome to visit and/or to sing. Info: Selma Lich, 484-8129.


Tikvah Group

By Selma Lich

The Tikvah Group will meet on Friday, Jan. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at Ner Ami, 4098 Calle

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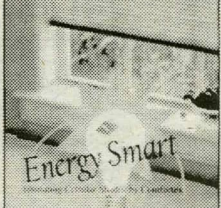
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RV Club

By Jim Cooke

The RV Club's next campout is scheduled for February at the Golden Village Palms RV Resort in Hemet. At the RV Club meeting in November, the membership approved a \$500 donation for the Leisure Village Food Share Program.

The RV Club holiday party was held in December at the Bard Mansion, Port Hueneme. Members in attendance donated a children's toy valued at \$10 or more. This represented approximately \$700 in toys donated to the Oxnard Rescue Mission by the RV Club. At the same event, new officers were installed for 2002. They are: President Roger Williams, 1st VP Bob Moreland, 2nd VP Bob Munger, 3rd VP Jean Thomson, Treasurer Betty Williams and Secretary Annie Robinson.

Camera Club

By Jerry Cohen

The December competition was judged by professional photographer Tim Hauf. The Assigned category, Land/Seascapes, was won by Bill Robinson. Second place went to Vic Fledge, and third place to Marlene Votion. Honorable Mentions were by Bill Ward and Cathy

Friedman.

In the Open category, the first-place winner was Sam Weinstein, followed by Bill Ward in second and Vic Fledge in third. Honorable Mentions were earned by Bill Robinson and Jerry Cohen.

The best slides of 2001 were shown at the annual banquet Dec. 19. Judges for the year's best were Dan Murphy and Robert Field. The Picture of the Year winner was by Betty Murray. In the Assigned category, first place went to Bill Ward, second was Jerry Cohen and third was Vic Fledge. The Honorable Mentions were by Imogene Gregory and Sam Weinstein.

In the Open category, first place was by Jerry Cohen, second place went to Sam Weinstein and third place was earned by Betty Murray. Honorable Mentions were taken by Milt Mankoff and Bill Ward.

Competitions are held the first Wednesday of the month, and programs are on the third Wednesday in the MPR at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments follow.

Racquet Club

By Betty Scadron

New officers for 2002 were elected unanimously: President Les Solomon (no one will let him go); Vice President Norm Scadron (new blood); Treasurer Sylvia Phillips (the best adder upper); Secretary Louise Houser (paddle, tennis, table — she does it all!).

A wine, cheese and super goodies tasting enthusiastically took place on Dec. 12.

Watch for mixed table tennis games in February and announcements for the next paddle tournament. The next meeting is Feb. 13.

International Folk Dancing

By Raye Gabriel

International folk dance classes are ongoing Mondays in the AR from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Virginia Calihan and Mae Sheff co-lead and teach. Come and join us in ethnic dancing. We will have an installation party on Jan. 28. Info: 482-5621.

Garden Club

By Jane Needle

The LV Garden Club held their annual installation of officers at Spanish Hills Country Club on Dec. 12. The following officers were installed for the new year: Georgia Griswold and Alice McKnight, co-presidents; Claire Sortomme, 1st VP-Program Chair; Sally Douglas and Ginny Muff; 2nd VP-Co-Membership Chair; Fran Cohen, Secretary; Madeline McKean, Treasurer.

Registration for the Bridge Marathon will begin in January. The fee for the marathon is \$8. Also, club dues of \$5 are now being accepted.

Our speaker for Feb. 14 will be Carole Comfort, who will be explaining all about "Pineneedle Basketry." Social hour will start at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting at 10 a.m. All

Villagers are invited, and bring a new neighbor with you.

Women's Club

By Shirley Francis

Please mark your calendar for this great show on Feb. 7 at 1:30 p.m. in the AR. It will feature "Collage of 2001 Program" by George Huddelston and Bob Vanderhaven.

The last program was most interesting and we had a very good response.

Did you know the Women's Club donated \$8,400 to charities in 2001? They are: The Braille Institute; Camarillo Academic Olympics; Camarillo Health District (2 Lifelines); Camarillo Hospice; City of Hope, Bone Marrow Clinic; Institute of Equestrian Therapy; Leisure Village Food Distribution; Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurses Association; New York Police and Firemen's Widows and

Orphans of Sept. 11.

Info: Shirley, 389-3068.

Showtyme

On Dec. 1, more than 400 Villagers were entertained by Marilyn King of the King Sisters. Ms. King sang an array of hit songs interspersed with stories of her professional life.

Be ready for Showtyme in 2002. Many wonderful programs are planned. On Feb. 14 will be a return of the Mariachi Band. Info: Ed Williams, 987-1069.

Beginning Bridge

By Raye Gabriel

Rank Beginning Bridge Classes are every Friday in the GR from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. We are currently reviewing lead-outs and will progress further. You are welcome to join us. Info: Raye Gabriel, instructor, 383-0130.

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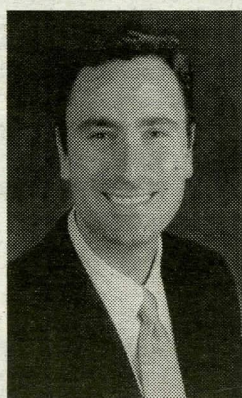
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Professional management topic of Town Hall meeting

On Friday evening, Feb. 1, at 7 p.m., you are invited to attend a Town Hall meeting in our AR. The subject will be professional management in LV in lieu of the self-management system we now use.

There will be comments from representatives of professional management companies and an opposing viewpoint from members of the General Managers Association for gated communities. There

will be a debate on the pros and cons of retirement community management methods.

Villagers will be able to present their viewpoints and question the speakers in an open forum format.

This town hall meeting concept on subjects of interest to residents of LV is the first program to be presented by a group of residents called "Concerned Homeowners." We anticipate providing pro-

grams of interest on similar subjects three or four times a year.

For information, call Hi Mednick, Phil Belsky, Bob Atz, Jerry Hoffman, Bob Gross or Ken Lorraine.

East Gate beautification is finally under way

By Hal Chenetz

The East Gate of the Village has always been a source of contention. We feel we live in paradise, but the East Gate distinctly does not look like the entry to paradise.

Well, the times are a-changing. As part of the Village's annual street work, Randy Watkins, Village General Manager, awarded a contract

to BC Rincon of Fillmore to create a turnaround at the gate. That has now been completed.

The Village Landscape Committee — under the supervision of Carl Waite, the Village Landscape Superintendent — will be seeking not only to beautify the area but also to demonstrate plantings that conform to our conservation efforts.

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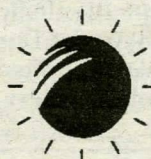
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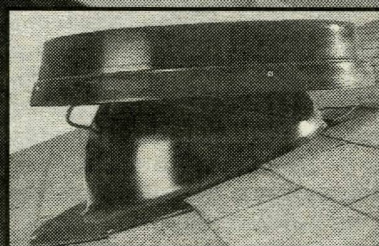
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LV resident on city panel

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Silver's term will expire April 12, 2003.

"The city is very pleased

that such a qualified citizen is willing to serve the community in this way and sincerely appreciates your service," said Deborah A. Harrington, City Clerk.

Silver was notified of his appointment in a Dec. 13 letter from Harrington.

Anyone interested in starting a Collectibles Club?

By Bob Koster

I recently had dinner with a friend, one of my driving partners on the Camarillo Citizen Patrol. You never know what interesting and fascinating things people do until you ask a few questions.

Anyway, this gentleman collects antique beer mugs. He has some very valuable ones, some made in Germany dating

back to the turn of the century.

There are all kinds of objects that most of us would consider everyday items, but which some people consider collectible. I know people who collect Pez dispensers, Japanese ceremonial swords, antique automobiles and models, airplane models, hand-crafted furniture, bottle caps and old glass bottles.

The methods of collecting and sharing information might be standard enough in each case to warrant a meeting from time to time to share experiences in collecting, ideas for sources, etc.

If anyone else is bitten by the packrat bug (my wife's idea, not mine), give me a call at 482-9117, and if there is enough interest, I'll try to get a general meeting together.

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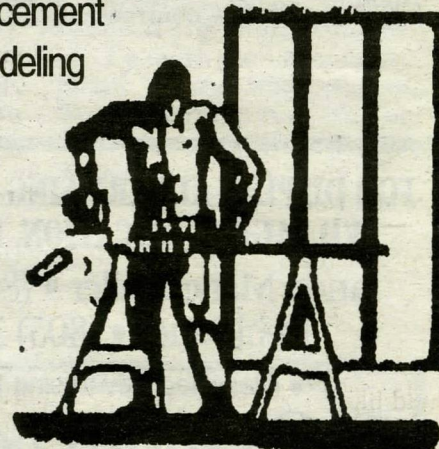
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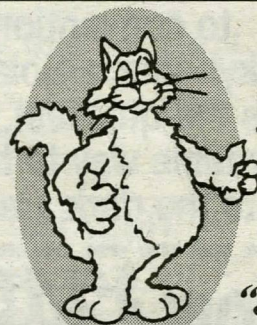
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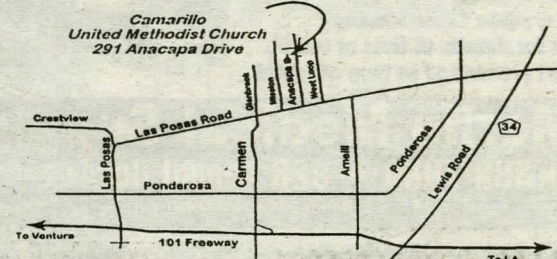
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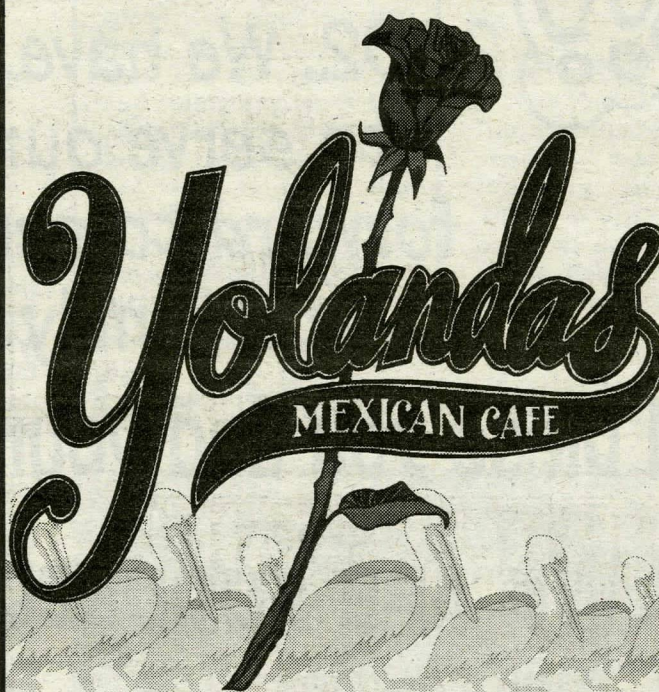
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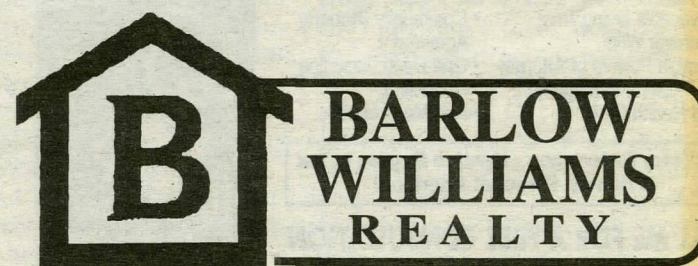
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