

# INSIDE LEISURE VILLAGE

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## LV Drive gets makeover as new trees are planted

By Patty Ecker

Beautification is coming to our Village, one tree at a time.

Inspired by a suggestion from the 2010 Master Plan, Leisure Village Board Member Don Marquardt is leading the effort to line Leisure Village Drive with dozens of new street trees. And many homeowners are joining the project.

"It can become a beautiful boulevard," says Marquardt. "Right now it's just our main street." More than 40 percent of the original trees planted in what he calls the parkway — that's the grassy area between the street and the sidewalk — are gone. There's no shame to that, say the experts. Those trees were senior citizens, too.

However, their removal has left long empty stretches along Leisure Village Drive without shade for walkers, the aesthetics and the enclosure effect of street trees.

The project was suggested as an ancillary one in the 2010 Master Plan. That means it was way down the list of importance, and no money was identified for it.

Enter Marquardt, a landscape architect with decades of experience before he retired to Leisure Village.

"I've done street tree projects before, on Main Street in Ventura and down Culver Drive in Culver City. So I volunteered," he explains.

Fellow board members reminded him there was no money. But he said, "Maybe we can get donations."

When the announcement was made about the street trees project, Marquardt explained that there was no funding for it and suggested that Villagers might want to contribute. Even as he asked, he was unsure if anyone would.

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Photo by Jerry Spector

Jerry Sortomme, left, and Don Marquardt congratulate each other on the planting of another new tree along Leisure Village Drive.



Photo by Jerry Spector

An increasingly common sight in the Village, solar panels power two homes in Village 16.

## Solar power shines in LV

By Bob Cohen

Back in what seems to be the not-so-distant past when the moon was in the seventh house and Jupiter aligned with Mars, the proponents of the Age of Aquarius were singing, "Let the sun shine, let the sun shine in."

Today, some Leisure Village residents are wishing the same

Please see **SOLAR** on 11



The Leisure Village Veterans Club received a special gift from the Pleasant Valley-Somis Lions Club. See Page 3.

Two photo packages grace the pages of this edition. To see the Village in all its holiday finery, see Pages 14 and 15.

And for a look at the three photos judged to be the best of the Camera Club's 770 of 2012, see Pages 16 and 17.

On Page 10 of December's issue of ILV, Robert Costa was misidentified as conducting a class on "The History of American Musical Films," the topic of an Osher class. Robert Koster, a former resident of Leisure Village, is conducting the class and is still active in many L.V. activities.

For a corrected version of the story, see Page 10 of this edition.

The staff of ILV wishes everyone a safe, healthy and happy 2013!



## VILLAGE HAPPENINGS

### Relationships class starts Feb. 6

By Steve Strem

The free class on dating and relationships will start again on Wednesday, Feb. 6.

The class that ended on Dec. 19 was very successful, with lots of class participation, interesting topics and role-playing. Discussions were held on how to develop relationships and how and where to find a good partner.

As seniors we have more difficulty in the search for someone to fill our lives. We carry baggage, compare with the past and are afraid to get hurt.

The new class starting Feb. 6 will be for 12 weeks every Wednesday in the Sun Room from 7 to 9 p.m. Men and women who are interested should sign up in the Recreation Room. The class is on a revolving basis.

The course is being taught by Steve Strem, a resident of Leisure Village who has taught this course for many years in Beverly Hills Adult Education.

For more information, contact Steve Strem at 818-266-2000 before Jan. 8.

Looking forward to seeing many of you on Feb. 6.

### Letters

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### LVTV PROGRAM SCHEDULE JANUARY 2013

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DAY	JAN	TIME	PROGRAM	*Note: OTR = Old Time Radio
Tues	1	10 am & 8 pm	Cooking Show #2 Eat or be Eaten (17)	
Wed	2	10 am & 8 pm	Viva the Village! On the first Wed. of each month	
Thur	3	10 & 8 *OTR 7	Thursday Showcase – See LVTV Message Board for Shows	
Fri	4	10 am & 8 pm	Art club, Buildings & Grounds, Men's Golf, Musicians Club (40 Min)	
Mon	7	10 am & 8 pm	LVA OPEN BOARD MEETING - LIVE	
Tues	8	10 am & 8 pm	LVA OPEN BOARD MEETING - TAPED	
Wed	9	10 am & 8 pm	Village Voices (Repeat) Joseph Benti, Bob McQuivey	
Thur	10	10 & 8 *OTR 7	Thursday Showcase – See LVTV Message Board for Shows	
Fri	11	10 am & 8 pm	LVA OPEN BOARD MEETING - TAPED	
Mon	14	10 am & 8 pm	What was my line? 6/10, Jerry Spector, Lois Keeler, Josette Wingo, Ken Walker	
Tues	15	10 am & 8 pm	Art Show 'Festival of the Arts' (Nov 11, 2012)	
Wed	16	10 am & 8 pm	Go With the Flow (2009)	
Thur	17	10 & 8 *OTR 7	Thursday Showcase – See LVTV Message Board for Shows	
Fri	18	10 am & 8 pm	Pacifica High School (2006) (41 min)	
Mon	21	10 am & 8 pm	Interfaith Program (2007) (56 min)	
Tue	22	10 am & 8 pm	Players Guild: Blackouts 2 (2010) (25 min)	
Wed	23	10 am & 8 pm	Players Guild: Vinny and Karen Raso Show (7/09) (37 min)	
Thur	24	10 & 8 *OTR 7	Thursday Showcase – See LVTV Message Board for Shows	
Fri	25	10 am & 8 pm	Women's Club: Fashion Show (2007) (47 min)	
Mon	28	10 am & 8 pm	New York Club: Art Douglas (7/07)	
Tue	29	10 am & 8 pm	Shared Experience with Larry Sawyer (1995), Irv Goodnick (21)	
Wed	30	10 am & 8 pm	Law Talk (Repeat): Product Safety (32 min)	
Thur	31	10 & 8 *OTR 7	Thursday Showcase – See LVTV Message Board for Shows	

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Narrated by Debra Guill.

**\*OLD-TIME RADIO Audio Program:** Thurs.  
7 P.M., featuring Jack Benny, Bob Hope,  
Burns & Allen, etc.

Committees or clubs, who would like to be interviewed, call Bob O'Connor at 437-6798. LVTV Committee meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 9:30 AM in the MPR

### February deadlines

Deadline for letters, club news, stories, photos and classified ads for the February 2013 issue is Wednesday, January 16, at 5 p.m. The Display Advertising deadline will be Friday, January 18, at 5 p.m. Publication is scheduled for Friday, February 1. Please e-mail stories and photos to editorilv@yahoo.com. 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.



## VILLAGE HAPPENINGS

# Lions Club buys replica rifles for Veterans Club color guard

By Paul W. Herring

The Pleasant Valley-Somis Lions Club purchased and presented to the Leisure Village Veterans Club two replica rifles to be used for special occasions when club members need a color guard.

The donation came to fruition after about one year of work by key persons in both organizations, soon after the LV Boosters Club asked the LV Veterans Club to present the colors (flag) at the annual USO Show in November of 2011. The LV Veterans Club president, Paul Herring, saw a need for some training within the club on how to properly perform those presentations.

That is when LV Veterans Club member John Bravos stepped forward and volunteered to do the training. John, along with Village resident Pete Deller, worked together to obtain

some rifles for the proposed color guard. Pete, a director with the Lions Club, along with LV Executive Board member Bob Ellis, also a director of the Lions Club, lobbied the Lions Club to make the purchase.

On Dec. 15, directors Ellis and Deller presented two replica rifles to outgoing LV Veterans Club President Paul Herring and new LV Veterans Club President Kent Kellegrew, while LV Veterans color guard coordinator John Bravos witnessed the event.

Anyone interested in joining and being trained for the color guard should attend the LV Veterans Club meeting on Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the MPR.

LV Veterans may expand the color guard to an honor guard and possibly a drill team, depending on the number of club members who participate in the events.



Photo courtesy LV Veterans Club

Shown at the presentation of two replica rifles are, from left, Paul Herring, outgoing LV Veterans Club president; Bob Ellis, Pleasant Valley-Somis Lions Club Board Director and LV Executive Board Member; John Bravos, Veterans Club color guard coordinator; Kent Kellegrew, incoming LV Veterans Club president; and Pete Deller, Pleasant Valley-Somis Lions Club Board Director.

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Alma Locke, V. 9  
Iva Dean Bouck, V. 42

To submit a memorial call Loretta Reshes at 388-7116.

## Stroke-screening events will be held monthly starting Jan. 14

By Bob Cohen

It has been said that the best medicine is preventive medicine. In other words, you are far better off not having an illness — preventing it — than trying to cure it.

Arguably, this philosophy applies most to a preventable medical incident that kills more than 160,000 people every year and is the leading cause of adult disability: a stroke.

According to the experts at Community Memorial Hospital, 2 million brain cells die every minute during a stroke, thus increasing your risk of permanent brain damage, disability or death.

Strokes kill twice as many women each year than breast cancer.

There are two types of strokes: ischemic, when the arteries are blocked, and hemorrhagic, when blood vessels in the brain leak. Both events require immediate medical attention. And, to get that medical attention, you must know when you or a loved one has had a stroke.

To help you learn your personal risk of stroke and what symptoms to watch for, the Leisure Village Neighbors Care Group — the people who bring you the monthly

blood pressure screening — has teamed with Community Memorial Hospital of Ventura to bring you STROKEAWARE, a series of free mini stroke-screening events. The screening consists of blood pressure monitoring, an EKG, blood oxygen level testing, monitoring blood flow through the carotid arteries, a total cholesterol non-fasting test, and stroke risk factor evaluation. In addition, there will be information presented on the signs and symptoms of a stroke as well as how to check a pulse.

All of this vital information is free.

The screenings will be held every second Monday of the month, beginning Jan. 14, between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. in the Sun Room.

The screenings are currently planned through June, so everyone does not have to attend the first one.

If you have not already done so, program the Leisure Village emergency number (388-3636) into your phone speed dial, or post it near your phone, so that you can get help when you need it.

For more information, call Mary Jane Porter at 484-1962.

## Aerobics exercise class begins

By Sue-Ellen Colp

A new free aerobics exercise class is starting Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Annex. Bring a mat, or you can use a chair.

This is an ongoing class, so come when you can. This first class is warmup and will include low-impact

aerobics either standing or on a chair, then a floor workout with a mat.

We started the class as a pilot in December and it went well, so it will be ongoing.

For more information call Sue-Ellen at 312-1991.

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If you are in need of our services, please call Barbara Yago, Village 34, at 388-0419.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I would like to thank everyone in the Village for their cards and phone calls of sympathy. Vinny was one of a kind, loved by all. In his words, "Ah, Salute!"  
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— Karen Raso, V. 11

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## Driving classes set for January

By Claudia Roberts

If it has been more than three years since you took an AARP Driver's Safety Program, or if you have never taken one before, this is for you.

A two-day, four-hour class for Leisure Village residents will be taught Wednesday, Jan. 16, and Friday, Jan. 18, from 1 to 5 p.m. in the MPR.

The next one-day Refresher Class is Feb. 5. If it has been less than three years since you last took the class, you are eligible to take the Refresher Class.

Each successful attendee will

receive a current DMV booklet and certificate which, when presented to your insurance agency, will provide you with a discount good for three years. If you want to improve defensive driving habits and learn how to adjust to age-related changes in vision, hearing and reaction time, this class is for you.

The cost is \$12 for members of AARP and \$14 for non-members.

Class is limited so you must pre-register. A check made out to AARP is required with registration. To register, call Claudia Roberts at 482-9904.

## LOOKING BACK

By Marilyn Holthouse  
Village historian

- January 1978, 35 years ago: Village Players (now Players Guild) planned a fund to buy a spotlight.

- January 1983, 30 years ago: A Facilities Survey Committee recommended more craft space.

- January 1988, 25 years ago: 260 trees were lost and 38 units received roof damage in a windstorm.

- January 1993, 20 years ago: Piff DeSimone was elected president of the Women's Club.

- January 1998, 15 years ago: A layout for the Shuffleboard Annex was approved.

## A January meditation

By Joyce Schifanelli, V. 4

It was sad to see the old year end,  
It felt like leaving a dear best friend,  
Bittersweet, its demise was marked with fun,  
With food and drink for everyone.

Now stay the course and look ahead,  
The new year's not a thing to dread,  
Twelve more months in which to cope,  
Filled with promise, steeped in hope.

'Tho winter winds blow wet and cold,  
Spring arrives in blossoms bold,  
Summer days will warm your bones,  
And autumn's crowned in golden tones.

But as you read this January day,  
Village neighbors this I say,  
Enjoy to the fullest your precious life,  
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Photo by Jerry Spector

Jack Waterman carries his Merlin Visual Unit, which he recently upgraded and wanted to give away. With help from Save Our Sight, he learned that fellow LV resident Marie Terando, pictured here, could use it.

## The neighborly thing to do: LV resident helps another

By Marion Green

In the business world, the definition of "networking" is the act of exchanging information with people who can help you professionally. That is something we all can do for each other on a personal level here in Leisure Village.

The following is an example of how the different media we use to communicate is really a network that can connect those who have with those who might need.

My neighbor Jack Waterman called and asked if I could help him with something. "Sure," I said and met him out at his garage. "Marion," he said, "I am cleaning things out and I have something that I would like to donate to someone but don't know to whom."

Jack has both a hearing and visual impairment. He had upgraded his reading device and had a Merlin

Visual Unit that he no longer used. It is a unit that can project text onto a monitor for reading purposes.

Jack didn't want to sell it. He wanted to give it to someone who also was visually impaired. He gave me a folder with the purchase papers (it wasn't cheap), his contract and warranty and the instructional brochure. I said I would be happy to help him, but I didn't know exactly how I could.

When I returned home I remembered reading something in our eNews about a club for visually impaired residents. There it was, Save Our Sight & Hearing, and a contact name, Eva Cox.

I called Eva and explained what we had and asked if she knew anyone who could use this equipment. She came over and was delighted to meet

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## NEWS TO USE

# Resident benefits by another's desire to donate

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Jack and talk about his vision and hearing problems. She asked if he was aware of the Braille Institute making home visits for those with visual difficulties.

Eva had a wealth of information for Jack about his vision issues. She was sure someone in her group would be happy to get this piece of equipment. These tools are invaluable to those who have difficulty seeing.

Fast forward to a few days later. Answering the phone, I learned it was Eva saying she had found someone in the Village in her club who would be thrilled to get Jack's machine.

Marie Terando is 92 years old and suffers from macular degeneration in one eye. I was so excited; I felt like a matchmaker. Along with Eva's help, we were able to introduce Jack to Marie who was absolutely thrilled to get the vision machine that Jack no longer used.

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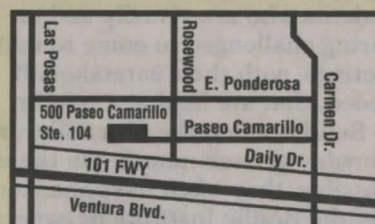
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Marie Terando uses the Merlin Visual Unit to look at Marlene Votion's photo on the front page of the October edition of Inside Leisure Village.

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## NEWS TO KNOW



Photo by Jerry Spector

Making good things happen in Leisure Village are, from left, Jack Waterman, Marie Terando and Eva Cox, who told Waterman about the Save Our Sight & Hearing organization, leading him to donate his Merlin Visual Unit to Terando.

## Visual unit makes its way to LV resident who needs it

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After Marie's son set the machine up for her, she called and asked me to convey to Jack how appreciative she was of the gift he had given her, someone he didn't know.

In the past, reading had been difficult for Marie; it was limited and often tedious since she could only read using a magnifying glass. She was very excited because her world had opened up wider than it had been. Pictures she once saw in black and white are now in color. She opens her mail sitting in front of the Merlin. She can view and read magazine articles once again and is looking forward to getting back to reading books. She got out a favorite recipe book, found a cookie recipe, put it in the Merlin, and made cookies to bring to the Save Our Sight meeting.

Besides having great guest

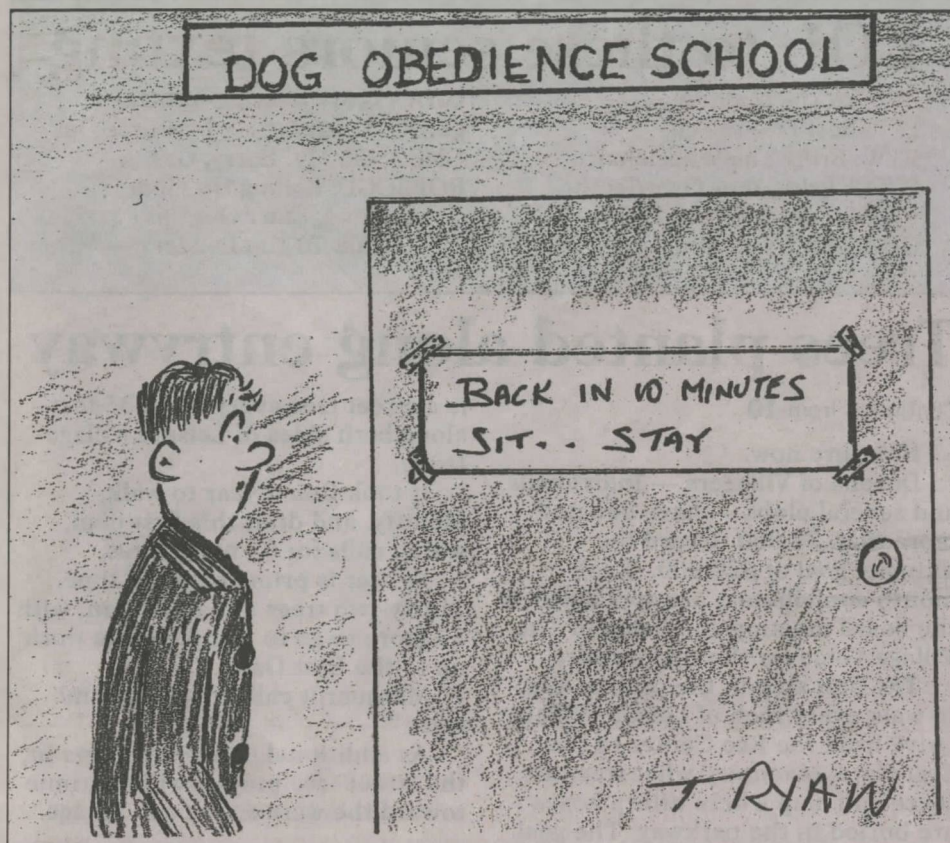
speakers at the Save Our Sight club, Marie says she learns something new at each meeting, both from the speakers and from other members who are coping with the same problems.

Eva Cox would like to invite residents who are visually and/or hearing challenged to come to their meetings, with their caretakers if needed, that are held at 1 p.m. in the Sun Room on the first and third Thursday of each month. On the third Thursday, they often have speakers from the Braille Institute or experts in other fields who visit the club to help members deal with their challenges.

Marie and Eva were hoping that by sharing this experience, they could let others who might need assistance become aware of how the Save Our Sight club might help them as well.

After all, Leisure Village is really a very small place.





## Cake squares are luscious

By Susan Amerikaner

When our boys were small, I was always baking goodies. How come I looked so thin in the old photos? It's one of the mysteries of life, I guess. These days I am either on or off Weight Watchers and eternally fighting the urge to splurge on sugary treats.

However, with the holidays, one of my birds flew back to the nest for a while. This recipe is the favorite of both my sons. It was handed down to me by my older sister. She calls them brownies, but I say it is a cake — and they are actually cake squares. But who I am to argue with my big sis? Besides, no matter what you call them, I promise you won't have even a crumb left!

### Banana Chocolate Chip Brownies (Or Cake Squares)

#### Ingredients

1 1/2 cups flour  
1/2 tsp. salt

1 tsp. baking soda  
1 cup sugar  
1 cup oil  
2 large eggs  
3 ripe bananas, cut-up  
1 cup chocolate chips

First mix the flour, salt, baking soda and sugar in a large bowl. Then place the oil, eggs and bananas into blender or food processor and mix till blended.

Add blended banana mixture to dry ingredients and mix well with a wooden spoon.

Lastly, add the chocolate chips. I like to use the mini chips.

Pour into a greased 9-by-13-inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes. Cool thoroughly and cut into squares.

You can bake these in a square pan, in a cupcake cup pan, or just enjoy as cake squares. They are moist and delicious!

## Realtors Corner: Keeping up with safety laws is essential

By Sharron Parker  
Troop Real Estate Inc.

Because home safety regulations change from time to time, Realtors must keep up to date. Whenever a house is being sold or leased, safety requirements must be in compliance.

Regulations for smoke alarms have recently changed requiring an alarm in the hallway(s) adjacent to any bedroom and one in each bedroom.

There is a new requirement effective July 1, 2011, for a carbon monoxide detector, which should be installed in the hallway. With Leisure Village homes being all-electric, it would make sense to have this detector closer to the garage, which would be the only source of potential carbon monoxide generation.

Fire doors are required to separate living areas from the garage, where flammables might be stored. Owners should check to make certain that the self-closing hinge on their fire door is operating properly

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and closing the door completely.

Changing air filters in the heating and air conditioning system should be done on a regular basis, preferably twice a year. The filters keep the furnace from internally collecting dust, which can potentially create a fire hazard. Filters are inexpensive and easy to install.

— Sharron Parker is a licensed Realtor with Troop Real Estate Inc.

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## Bob Koster returns to Village to teach film history classes

When Bob Koster lived in Leisure Village he gave monthly screenings of classic films, with a brief description and some interesting facts about each film.

Well, he's back!

This time Koster is giving a course through California State University, Channel Islands. It will take place in the Garden Room on eight Tuesdays

from 1 to 3 p.m. beginning Jan. 8 and finishing Feb. 26. The eight classes will trace the history of musical films. Some of the greatest musicals will be shown, and some surprising not-so-well-known ones, along with Bob's commentary.

To sign up, call Mitzi Ettinger at 482-8361.

### THEATER BEAT

**Camarillo Community Theatre:** "Twelfth Night," Jan. 11 through Feb. 10. 330 Skyway Dr. Camarillo, 388-5716.

**Conejo Players Theatre:** "45 Seconds From Broadway," Jan. 11 through Feb. 2. 351 S. Moorpark Road, Thousand Oaks, 495-3715.

**High Street Arts Center:** Dark January. 45 E. High St., Moorpark, 529-8700.

**Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center:** "The Music of Irving Berlin," Jan. 19 through Feb. 10. 3050 E. Los Angeles Ave., Simi Valley, 583-7900.

**Elite Theatre Company:** Fourth Annual One-Act Festival, Jan. 11 through Feb. 3. 2731 Victoria Blvd., Oxnard, 483-5118.

**Rubicon Theater:** "Food Confessions," Jan. 30 through Feb. 24. 1006 E. Main St., Ventura, 667-2900.

## LOL to these seniors texting

ATD: At the Doctors

BFF: Best Friend Fell

BTW: Bring The Wheelchair

BYOT: Bring Your Own Teeth

FWIW: Forgot Where I Was

GHA: Got Heartburn Again

IMHO: Is My Hearing-Aid On?

LMDO: Laughing My Dentures Out

OMSG: Oh My! Sorry, Gas

ROFLCGU: Rolling On Floor

Laughing, Can't Get Up

TTYL: Talk To You Louder

## Trees planted along entryway

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He's sure now.

Dozens of Villagers — individuals and several clubs — have donated more than \$7,000 toward the ultimate goal of \$20,000. Each month contributors are applauded at the board meeting and listed in The Village Voice for their generosity.

The first step in the project was to walk every inch of Leisure Village Drive from the Rec Center to the East Gate, inventory what trees are there and map where utility boxes are buried in the parkway. The goal

is a street tree every 30 to 35 feet along both sides of Leisure Village Drive.

It took Don a year to walk, identify, and draft this first plan, which calls for 83 more trees.

Winter is prime planting time. Thirty-two trees are already in, with 32 more to go to complete the work up to the East Gate.

Marquardt calls it "a beautiful start."

As additional donations come in, the street tree project will continue toward the west end of the Village.

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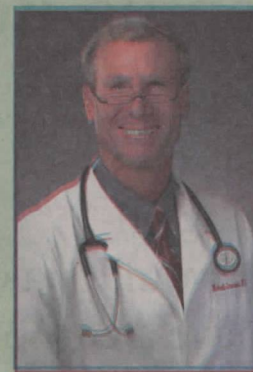
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## CONTINUATIONS

# Solar power shines bright

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thing, not because they are Aquarians, but because they have solar electric systems on their homes.

A very unscientific survey of LV homes found nearly a dozen units equipped with solar power. They can be found throughout LV, with three located in Village 16 alone. Another random, unscientific survey of 25 percent of those homes found that all of the owners are happy with their decision.

To Roy Barnett of Village 16, the decision to install solar was an easy one. He had previously custom-designed his home in Oxnard Shores to be as ecologically efficient as the then-existent technology would allow, including using a solar hot water system. Fast forward to 2005, and a Prius hybrid was in his garage. And what better way to complement a Prius, and perhaps prepare for a future all-electric or plug-in hybrid, than to install solar.

So the Barnetts installed an 18-panel system.

Other homeowners in LV have installed as many as 28 panels and as few as 14.

Of course, with technology improvements over the past seven years, panels today produce far more electricity than they did in 2005. That said, Roy believes that his system has already paid for itself. And, as electricity rates rise, the savings will be even greater.

Roy's advice for would-be solar buyers: Buy the technology that gives you the most output per panel.

Roy's neighbor, Floyd Hayden, talked with Roy about the solar system many times over the years. And each year, as his electric bills rose, he became more and more enamored with the idea. So when his winter bill hit \$300 a month, he decided it was time to act.

By the time the system was installed and connected to the SCE power grid, it was August of last year, probably making it Leisure Village's newest power generator. It's much too soon for Floyd to know the impact of the panels on his power bill, but the system was designed to reduce his

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bill by 65 percent. And, according to Floyd, because of technology improvements over the past seven years, his system generates more power from 16 panels than Roy's 18.

Sometimes long-standing desires are able to be filled by short-term events. Such is the case with the system installed by Randolph and Ann Rogers in Village 1. Randolph had always had an interest in green energy, and an inheritance in 2010 allowed him to act. They invested that inheritance into a 26-panel system that has literally reduced their monthly electric bill to near zero!

Their advice for anyone considering a solar system:

- Check for the availability of SCE rebates and state and federal tax credits.
- Determine how much of a power bill reduction you want and look at the trade-offs of cost versus savings.
- Check with the association to determine when your roof will be replaced because you are responsible for the cost of removing and replacing the panels.
- Finally, consider a monitoring service from the installing company that will alert you to any drop in power output that may be caused by equipment malfunctions.

Bottom line: It may not be for everyone, but it is something to consider. And, if nothing else, it proves that the residents of Leisure Village are keeping up with the times.



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## Wii Bowling

By Jerry Spector

Wii Bowling is a very exciting club and is looking forward to another successful year. There are sessions in the annex on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and we are always looking for more residents to become members. The annual dues are \$7 for 2013, and anyone who is interested in joining can contact Carole Miller at 383-0715, Paul Schifanelli at 419-4124 or Joan Levy at 482-6871. If you are already a member, please be sure to pay your dues as soon as possible.

Wii bowlers are enjoying a good time bowling and have shown great improvement from week to week. All scores over 200 are posted on the board in the annex each week, and the list continues to get longer every week. Congratulations to all Wii bowlers on their improvement.

Last year the club participated in three tournaments — two in Reseda

and one in Camarillo — and proudly scored first in all three tournaments.

Come and enjoy a very easy and fun sport where all members smile, laugh and have a good time.

Happy holidays to all, and to all, a good Wii Wii.

## LV Bowling League

By Bob Cohen

This month the league completed the first half ladder tournament and the winners are: Flite A, Dennis Durand; Flite B, Meriam Laird; Flite C, Bert Stone; Flite D, Nora Potter; Flite E, Carol Levy; and Flite F, Susan Kusak. Congratulations to them all!

Week 12 started off with a bang as Tash Guzman bowled a 234 scratch game. Not to be outdone, Bob McQuivey bowled a 222 and a 226 game. Side pot winners were Leonard Belcher, Tash Guzman and Bob McQuivey for the men and Carol

Please see CLUB NEWS on 13



Don Treadwell took first place in the Open category for "Is There a Fiddler on the Roof?" in the monthly Leisure Village Camera Club competition for December. The club also held its end-of-the-year competition, for which there were 770 submissions. For a look at the winning photos, see the package on Pages 16 and 17.

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Levy, Sandy Rosenthal and Susan Kusak for the ladies.

Week 13 saw Dennis Durand bowl a 202 and Bob McQuivey bowl a 213. Side pot winners were John Albany, Ray Cass and Bill Kirkpatrick for the men and Ruth Levine (newly returned from the sick/injured list), Billie Stimac and Susan Kusak for the ladies.

Week 14 saw the return from the sick/injured list of our super senior, 98-year-old Ernie Slabotsky. Bigg Al Schuster bowled a 212 and Alan Singer bowled a 219. Side pot winners were Bigg Al, Tash Guzman and Alan Singer for the men and Sharon Hahn, Joyce Belcher and Barbara Shmerling for the ladies.

Finally, we are one week away from the completion of the first half bowling. Team 11 (Carolyn Sherman, Sharon Hahn, Bert Stone and Tash Guzman) have a two-point lead over the three teams tied for second place (Team 12, Team 6 and Team 16). Next Friday's game may well change those standings.

## Players Guild

By Joyce Belcher

Players Guild wishes everyone a happy and healthy new year.

On Jan. 17 we will not be holding our usual meeting and workshop. Instead we will be having a "Celebration of Life" in honor of our past board member, Marty Simons. We will be showing slides and videos of his life and talents. It will be at 6 p.m. in the AR on Jan. 17. There will be tables set up in place of our usual seating. Anyone wishing to attend must go into the Recreation Office and sign the list of attendees. Membership renewals will not be available at this event.

Those of you who wish to sign up for 2013 Players Guild membership (still only \$7 for the whole year) can do so in the Rec Center lobby every Monday from 9 to 11 a.m. and Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 3 p.m. until Jan. 16. After that date you can join at any of our monthly meetings starting in February.

For information call Joyce Belcher

at 445-9500.

## The Mavericks

By Margo Secia

The Mavericks' "Red, White and Black Winter Ball" dinner dance will be held Friday, Jan. 25, at 6 p.m. in the AR. Tickets are on sale now for \$25 per person. There will be no tickets sold at the door.

Our caterer for this wonderful dinner is Command Performance, which is the exclusive provider for food events at the Reagan Library. The choice of entrée is slow roasted beef burgundy tips, grilled chicken breast or grilled vegetable risotto cakes. Included with each entrée are a harvest salad with focaccia bread, mashed Yukon golden potatoes and zucchini, asparagus spears and red pepper. Wine will be served but, as always, you may BYOB.

There will be a coffee station offering regular and decaf coffee and hot water with an assortment of teas. Dessert platters will be served at each table with an array of cookies, chocolate cake bites and mini blueberry and apple crumble pies.

We are happy to have "Sherimerry" for our dancing and listening pleasure.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. with an hors d'oeuvres station offering a display of cheeses, fruits, crackers and breads, with dinner served thereafter.

Tickets may be purchased by contacting Sandy Foeller at 384-4447, Jeanne White at 207-9869 or Sharon Loney at 987-8292. You can also contact our favorite "Ticket Man" Howard Koehn, who always has tickets in his pocket for sale. Please make your entrée choice at the time you purchase your ticket.

Please calendar this dinner dance and come enjoy our very special party we have every January. Start the New Year off right with great food, friends and entertainment.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact President Sharon Loney or Vice President Jeanne White.

## Computer Club

By Barbara Krohta

The Computer Room is working again. Thanks for your patience!

The December meeting was very well-attended and a new slate of officers was elected for 2013: Barbara Michaels, president; Duane Waln, vice president; Mary Pusateri, secretary; and Barbara Krohta, treasurer. Louis Lapides, a Mac guru/genius, was there to meet everyone and answer some Mac questions. It was no surprise that over half of the attendees had tablets now and want classes to learn more about using them effectively.

The Computer Club meets monthly on the second Friday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. The next meeting is Friday, Jan. 11. The club offers training, support, and informational meetings

for club members. All sessions are in the Computer Room in the Annex unless otherwise noted.

- MAC Beginners: First and third Thursdays, 11 a.m.

- One-on-One: Individual assistance for PCs and Macs, every Thursday, 3 p.m.

- Genealogy: Contact Pinky Palladino, a Village resident, for individual assistance at pinkynorm@aol.com.

Contact Duane Waln, Mac mentor, at dlwaln@roadrunner.com or Barbara Michaels, president, at deairplane@aol.com for club information.

## LV Women's Golf Association

By Ann Rogers

We had a great membership turnout for our Holiday Luncheon Dec. 12 on the terrace at the Aloha

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## HOLIDAYS IN THE VILLAGE

# Holidays bring decorative sparkle to Leisure Village

By Jerry Spector

Betty Herrmann of Village 40 has been decorating her home, inside and outside, since 1995. Every year she buys additional holiday decorations to add to her collection. She figures she has more than 25 boxes stored in her attic.

Her grandson helps her with all the lights outside, and Betty decorates every room inside. There are Christmas decorations on every lamp, window, ceiling and door, and there's a tree in every room. Betty has numbered all of the ornaments hanging from the ceiling so they are in the same position every year. It takes her more than two weeks to finish decorating.

When you walk around Betty's house at Christmas time, you will find a lot of unusual items. Betty's mother left her a Christmas tree from the Danbury Mint with gold-plated ornaments that is proudly displayed every year. Betty even has a singing frog purchased in Branson, Mo., that sings "Jingle Bells."

Betty is Mrs. Claus when it comes to decorating a home for the holidays.

Barbara Shmerling in Village 31 also has a beautiful holiday-decorated home. She has several Christmas trees inside, along with many collections of stuffed bears, beautiful candles and a nicely decorated yard, front and back. Barbara has a lot of lovely holiday ornaments from her mother that adorn her large tree in the living room. Walking through her house makes you feel the warmth of the holidays.



Photos by Jerry Spector



Above, Betty Herrmann's home in Village 40 is decked out in holiday finery. At right, her Santa, nearly as tall as her grandfather clock, stands guard. At left, Barbara Shmerling's bears brighten her home in Village 31.



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## HOLIDAYS IN THE VILLAGE



Photos by Jerry Spector

Far left, Betty Herrmann shares her reflection with her Christmas decorations. Above, Herrmann's living room, an example of why it takes her more than two weeks to finish decorating her home. Left, more than one faith is represented in the home of Barbara Shmerling, whose adornments include this Hanukkah ornament, candles, stuffed bears and a large tree in the living room. Holidays are special in the Village.

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The Ukulele Strummers of Camarillo, four of whom live in the Village, entertain at the Camera Club's end-of-the-year celebration and awards ceremony.

## Camera Club names year's 3 best out of 770 submissions

By Marion Green

It was a wonderful night — the Camera Club's night to celebrate the winning photographs and their photographers from the 770 pictures submitted into competition during the year.

The theme chosen was Photography on Parade to celebrate renowned photographers of the past. The décor followed the theme, with centerpieces for each table celebrating each of the seven photographers and their winning photographs adhered to a cube standing on reflective mirrors. Rita Linsey created a compelling slide show featuring the photography of Ansel Adams, Diane Arbus, Richard Avedon, Annie Leibovitz, Herb Ritts, Arthur Rothstein and Edward Steichen.

Following a wonderful dinner provided by Country Harvest, the new officers were installed and sworn in by Jerry Cohen. They are Judy Spector, president; Marlene Votion, vice president; Bob Kaplan, treasurer; and Marion Green, secretary. Past President Ken Walker handed over his gavel to the new president.

Special entertainment was

provided by 18 members of the Ukulele Strummers of Camarillo. They led the group in sing-a-longs, entertained us with hula dancers and Hawaiian and holiday songs and ended their evening by having everyone sing "God Bless America." Ray Nakata, Gerry Delgado, Twila Alexander and Karen Dundas are four members of the group who also reside in Leisure Village.

Following a slide show presentation of all the winning pictures for 2012 prepared by Jerry Spector, the winning photographs of the year in all three categories were announced.

In the Assigned category, Frank DeSimone won first, Bill Margulies won second and Jean Kohut won third. Honorable Mentions were won by Gary Greffly and Jerry Spector.

In the Open category, first place was awarded to Don Treadwell, second to Bob Kaplan and third to Margaret Petersen. Honorable Mentions were awarded to Margaret Falconer and Gary Greffly.

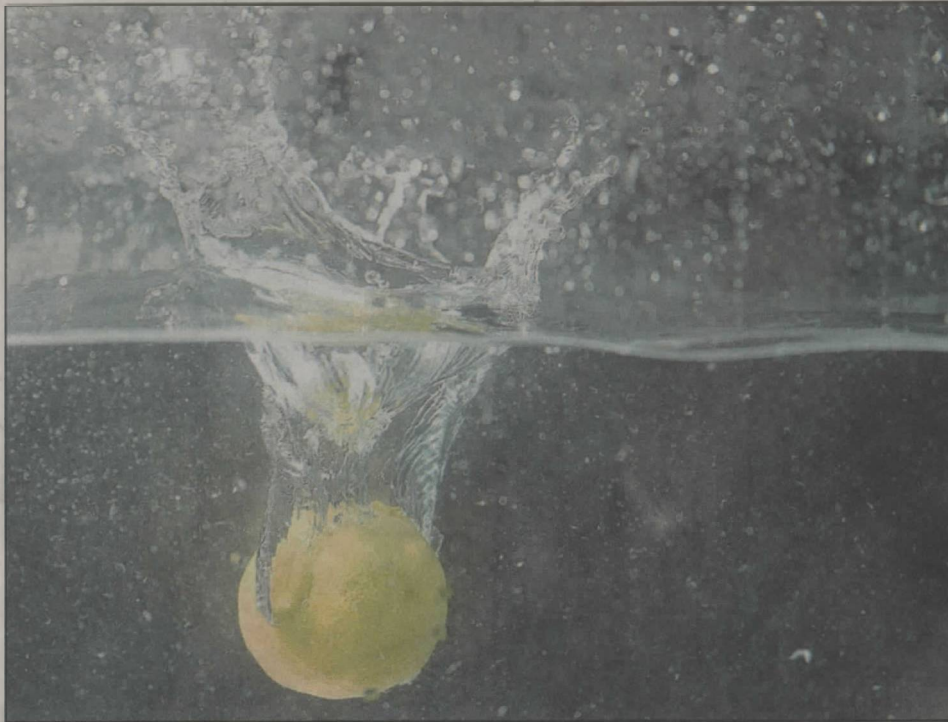
In the Creative category, first place was awarded to Frank DeSimone,

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The new board of the Camera Club is installed at the year-end celebration. New board members are, from left, Marion Green, secretary; Ken Walker, past president; Jerry Cohen, who is installing the officers; Robert Kaplan, treasurer; Marlene Votion, vice president; and Judy Spector, president elect. The evening's theme was Photography on Parade.





Don Treadwell took first place in the Open category for "Lemon Drop."



Frank DeSimone took first place in the Creative Category for "Stairway to Heaven" in the year-end Camera Club competition. The club had 770 submissions this year.

## Camera Club finishes 2012

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second to Ron Langa and third to Don Treadwell. Honorable Mention awards went to Jerry Cohen and Marlene Votion.

Pictures of the Year will be hanging in the lobby and the association offices for the entire year.

It is important to note that two of the winners of the Pictures of the Year awards were new to the club this year.

The club encourages Leisure Village residents to stop by on the first and third Wednesday of each month to enjoy our meetings held at 7 p.m. in the MPR. Many of the winners have point-and-shoot cameras, the most basic of the digital photography cameras.

Judy Spector, the club's new president, has plans for professional photographers to give tutorials at some mid-month meetings and to have members share their expertise at others.

One member, Laura Greffley, has plans for trips to interesting sites for picture-taking opportunities.

The club looks forward to 2013!



Frank DeSimone took a second first-place award in the Assigned category for "Whale of a Time."



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with lovely door prizes. All enjoyed their individual choices off the delicious lunch menu. A comforting fire was burning in the raised fireplace, keeping us toasty. Happy holidays to all.

Wednesday weekly tournaments on Jan. 9, 16 and 23 start with tee-offs at 8:30 a.m. We will have open play on Jan. 30, following a social continental breakfast. Contact Merle Ruiz for details and time. Members of LVWGA will be hosting the Chili Bowl on Jan. 27. Look for a poster in the lobby for details.

LVWGA welcomes new members. Women seeking to join the the Women's Golf Club can call Betty Dean at 383-3647 or come to a regular weekly tournament to start developing their club handicaps. Open play is available on Saturdays at 8 a.m. with members of the club. Mentors for "newbies" are available.

If you haven't signed up for the upcoming Wednesday's tournament,

call Verna Cryder at 482-4941. For special tournaments call Merle Ruiz at 444-5225. For all other questions and information about membership and the club, call Naomi Sklar, president, at 388-5999.

## LV Men's Golf Association

By Rob Sollett

Happy New Year! May the coming year lower your handicap and increase your golf winnings.

The Chili Bowl, a mixed tournament hosted this year by the LVWGA, will be held Sunday, Jan. 27. Enjoy a round of golf followed by a bowl of warm, satisfying chili and delicious side dishes prepared by the lady golfers. Tickets will be required.

Jim Mainland has hit a snafu with the golf shirts, but he promises to leap over this hurdle and get things rolling after the holidays. The shirts will be



Photo by Rob Sollett

The newly refurbished Tee Box sign has been cleaned and painted.

worth the wait.

Hey, notice any missing signs on various tee boxes? They're slowly and with great effort being refurbished. Numerals and lettering will be painted. The first sign has been installed on the 14th Tee Box. Give it a look the next time you're playing the back nine.

February will bring the Match Play Tournament organized by Pat Gunning, who will be sending out an e-mail with the details.

Ernie Ohmstedt sent out an e-mail with the 2013 Regulation Golf schedule. If you want to hit 'em long, this is the group for you. Give Ernie a call for further information.

We welcome new member Rob Reynolds, who will be playing with the Nine Hole Golfers. Good luck, Rob! May you have long, straight drives on every hole.

Remember, club meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the MPR.

## Racquet Club

By Trish Zakas

There is no January meeting. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, Feb.

13, at 7 p.m. in the MPR. Please note the new time — 7 p.m. — instead of 7:30 p.m.

Mark your 2013 calendars with this meeting schedule: Feb. 13; May 8; July picnic; Oct. 9 potluck dinner and officer nominations; and Dec. 11 holiday party and installation of officers.

To repeat: The new start time for all meetings in the MPR is 7 p.m.

Dues are due. Dues for 2013 are \$7. During January only, Sunshine will be at the paddle tennis courts on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. to collect money.

• Paddle Tennis: New paddle tennis leagues are forming to help us improve our game and prepare for the Casta Del Sol tournament this spring.

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- **PickleBall:** Our first PickleBall tournament is Wednesday, Jan. 16 (rain date is Wednesday, Jan. 23). A sign-up sheet is on the court bulletin board. For any questions about the tournament, contact Ken Hendrickson at 805-832-8440.

Don't know how to play? Come to the courts any Monday or Wednesday at 9 a.m. for free lessons. It's a fun and easy game to master, and within a few weeks you too will be tournament ready. All equipment is provided.

- **Table Tennis or Ping Pong:** Learn to play during our new Monday classes and practice sessions. Classes start Monday, Jan. 14, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Paddle Palace in the LV Annex building. The first hour is instruction for beginners and the second hour is for practice, which is open to everyone. You do not need to be a Racquet Club member to participate in these classes and practice sessions. Equipment is provided. Call John Peterson at 388-1230 for information.

## Woodshop

By Chuck Russell

The LV Woodshop members volunteer their expertise and time to offer repair service of wood items for residents.

Leisure Village residents are welcome to bring items to the Woodshop in the Recreation Center Tuesday and Wednesday mornings between 10 a.m. and noon. There is no guarantee that all damaged items can be fixed, only that we will try to restore them to the best of our ability. There is no charge for this service. Donations are accepted for materials and supplies. For more information, contact Sid Alweiss at 482-5341 or Chuck Russell at 383-3043.

The photographs on the following page are an example of the Steiners' very old chair that was coming apart at the joints. It was dismantled and checked for damage. Thankfully, no

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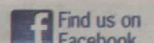


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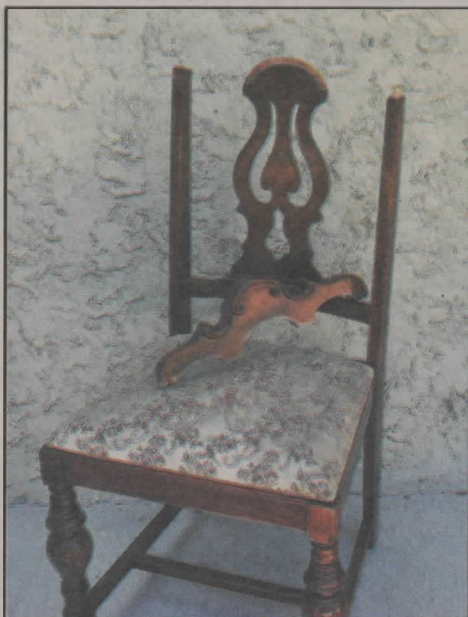
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damage was found, so the joints were glued and entire chair clamped until dry. The seat was replaced and the chair is good for many more years of enjoyment by the owners.

The Woodshop is available

to residents with woodworking experience, provided that they can demonstrate the ability to operate power equipment safely. Residents interested in having key access to the shop should contact a Woodshop member for an appointment to be checked out on the equipment.

## Camera Club

By Marion Green

We welcomed back returning judge Robert Field, professional photographer. The Assigned category was Landscape, Cityscape, Seascape. Laura Greffly won first, Marlene Votion second and Doug Demers third. Honorable Mentions were awarded to Gary Greffly and Margaret Petersen.

In the Open category, Don Treadwell won a first-place ribbon, Hemu Kalle won second and Al Sarnelle won third. Honorable Mentions were awarded to Jack Caldwell and Laura Greffly.

In the Creative category, first place was won by Bill Margulies, second place was awarded to Frank DeSimone and third went to Jean Kohut. There were no Honorable Mentions awarded due to few entries.

Our club meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the MPR with judging on the first Wednesday. The assigned subject for January will be People/Portraits.

The new board was installed at the Dec. 9 Awards Party held in the MPR. All of the year's winning pictures were reviewed, and Pictures of the Year Awards were given. They will find a permanent place on the walls of the

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Photos by Jerry Spector

This series of photos shows the challenges that can be met by the talented members of the Woodshop. Here, the Steiners' old chair was coming apart at the joints. The first photo shows the chair as the Woodshop members first saw it. The members dismantled it and examined it for damage, as shown in the second photo. Next, all the joints were glued and the entire chair was clamped until the glue dried. The seat was replaced, and the last photo shows the finished product. The Woodshop eagerly accepts challenges such as this.

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lobby and the association office.

The club voted on having one official meeting on the first Wednesday of the month, with a less structured meeting, tutorial and workshop on the third Wednesday of each month. Both meetings are very beneficial. On the first Wednesday, judging by a professional photographer provides invaluable information for the members and guests looking to improve their photography-taking techniques. Professional photographer Hutch Hutchison will offer a one-hour class at the January mid-month meeting.

All residents are invited to attend our meetings; no camera is required. The club is proud that their winning photos adorn the walls of the lobby and the MPR room. If you have any questions, please call President Judy Spector at 384-9039.

### SAS Dinner Out

By Zelda Greentree

It's been a whole year since SAS started to meet for "Dinner Out" once a month. So, we would like to invite the former members of SAS, as well as all of you who have attended the dinners during the past year, to come to our January meeting at Ottavio's Italian Restaurant. The date is Tuesday, Jan. 8. The time is 5:30 p.m. And, of course, the place is Ottavio's. We get a private room but we need to know how many will be there, so please call Lee Edwards at 484-3289 for reservations, as space is limited. Everyone enjoys the food, the excellent service and the getting together. You won't be disappointed.

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## Farmers Club

By John & Sunshine Peterson

The Farmers Club dues of \$5 were due Jan. 1. This covers the expense of buying compost for individual members. Please deliver your check to the Recreation Office with your patch number noted on the check. If you have any questions please call Al Pinto at 805-832-9571.

Lettuces, snap peas and beets all grow well as winter vegetables. Rain has helped keep the ground moist, which is easier for weed-pulling. Utilize the fresh herbs available in the "Jackie Sinatra's Garden" for cooking. Plant your winter crops when ready.

Suggested winter planting:  
Romaine lettuce. Romaine is bursting at the leaves with everything from bone-strengthening vitamin K to folic acid, which is essential to

cardiovascular health. Other good, nutrient-dense lettuces for salads and sandwiches include Bibb, red leaf and arugula.

## Friday Night Country Western Dance

By Sue-Ellen Colp

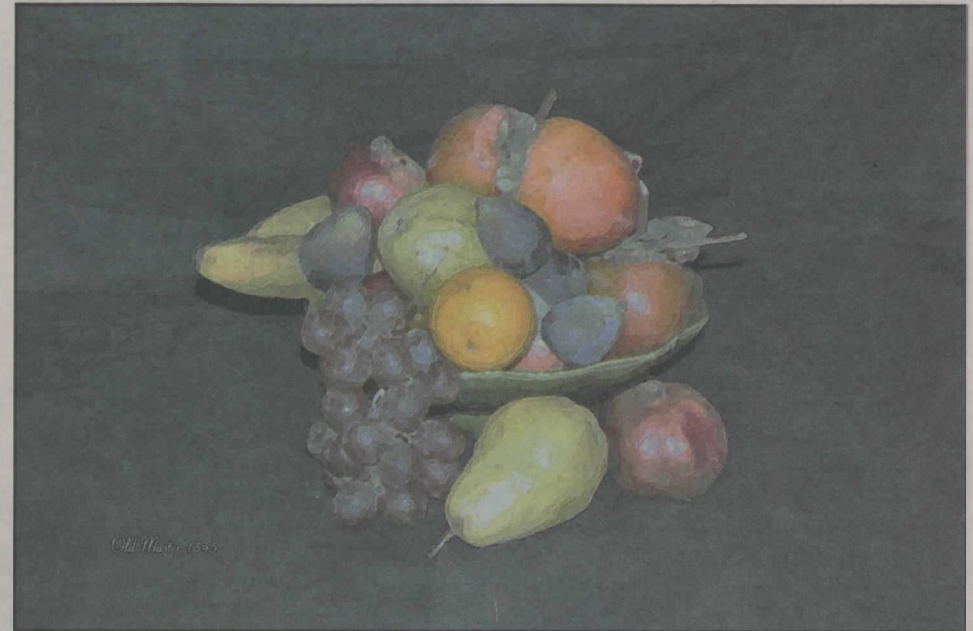
Well, another year has gone by. Time sure flies by when you are having fun.

Have you noticed the new yellow trees in the parkway? Well, if you haven't, check them out. Those are the trees we paid for with the club's money. We also donated money for Toys for Tots.

Last month we served wine and had some left over so we will serve it again this month.

Sue-Ellen taught an easy dance called Jingle Bell Rock, which we do only once a year. Hope you enjoyed it.

Next month Jim will be teaching at



Bill Margulies took first place in the Creative category for "Old Masters 1545" in the Camera Club's December competition.

8:15 p.m., so be there.

I again want to thank Marion Green for her Avon donation.

The dance will continue to be \$5, so bring a snack to share. Punch, water and coffee will be provided.

Let's start the year off right by being at the dance at 7:30 Friday, Jan. 4. Hope to see everyone at the dance.

## Saturday Night Dance

By Andrea Moran

The New Year is upon us, and what better way to start the year than to attend our Saturday Nite Dance Party?

The volunteers were treated to a lovely dinner at the Aloha Restaurant. You too may be interested in helping out. Please contact Marge Moran. The dances last year were fun and provided lots of exercise and the joyful experience of meeting new friends.

The January schedule is as follows: Jan. 5, no dance; Jan. 12, Rhythm Kings; Jan. 19, Jerry Dokken; and Jan. 26, Dick Parent.

Give us a try on Saturday Nite. Admission is still \$7 per person. I know you will be happy for the effort. Keep moving your feet to the beat.

## Showtyme

By Phil Kamens

Showtyme for Friday, Jan. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the AR will be that dynamic married couple, Wendy Becker and Rick Howard, simply known as Wendy and Rick.

Wendy has performed with Barbra Streisand and has shared the stage with Josh Groban, Carol Channing and Carol Burnett. Rick has been performing and writing music for most of his life. He won the Lennon Award and the grand prize in the John Lennon Song Writing contest. They perform their Wendy & Rick show all over the country. They are great. Don't miss this one.

As always our membership chairperson, Sharon Hahn, will be selling memberships for 2013. Please help her by signing up now. Membership is still only \$7 for the whole year. What a bargain!

## Travel Committee

By Glenn Whitlock

The Jan. 10 trip to the Santa Anita Race Track is sold out.

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Our first casino trip for the year is scheduled for Jan. 21-23. If you are eager to try your luck come join us for a trip to Riverside Casino in Laughlin. Harriet Lit will be your escort for this three-day getaway opportunity. The package includes roundtrip deluxe motorcoach, two nights' accommodations, bellman services, one breakfast and one choice of buffet all for \$115 double and \$136 single. Departure is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 21, returning on Jan. 23 at 6:30 p.m.

The February Branson trip to Mesquite has been canceled.

The February issue will feature future trips to Glendale and a trip to Aquarius for March 11-13. Coming later this spring are trips to Descanso Gardens, the Endeavor, Pantages and Sam's Town.

## LV Pet Club

By Mary Ann Robnett

The Pet Club had a successful holiday party in December with Wood Ranch catering and Buster Hayslett entertaining. The AR was beautifully decorated, and Martha Harris added festive table decorations.

Our next meeting will be Jan. 14 in the MPR at 7 p.m. This will be a business meeting with election and planning for the new year. Please bring old towels and bedding and folded newspapers for the Camarillo animal shelter.

Dr. Deena will be starting another class for our dogs in Canine Good Citizenship. There will be four sessions at 10 a.m. on Fridays starting on Jan. 11 in the east parking lot. The charge is \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members. Please call Barbara Krohta for information and signups at 445-4809.

The Pet Club is open to all pet owners in the Village. For more information call Mary Ann Robnett at 484-9694.

## Big Band

By Anne Wolfson

The Big Band will be playing on Jan. 8. This is a group of professional musicians who come to the AR on Tuesday nights and play from 7 to 9 p.m. There is no charge, and all Villagers, friends and neighbors are invited to come and listen or dance to beautiful music.

## The Stoners

By Fil Barton

The Stoners have had a very busy year. Because of the jewelry repairs we have done, the Stoners were able to donate more than \$600 to Lapidary.

In November, in conjunction with the Art Fair, we had a successful showing and selling of our handcrafted jewelry. Also in November and throughout December, Stoner members displayed their jewelry for sale in the atrium windows.

We continue to celebrate our members' birthdays monthly at various restaurants. However, in December we combined the birthdays with our annual potluck holiday party. More than 40 members and their spouses or other family members joined in the celebration. Boy, can our Stoners cook!

We're looking forward to 2013 with adding more members, creating more beautiful jewelry and repairing more items for Leisure Village residents.

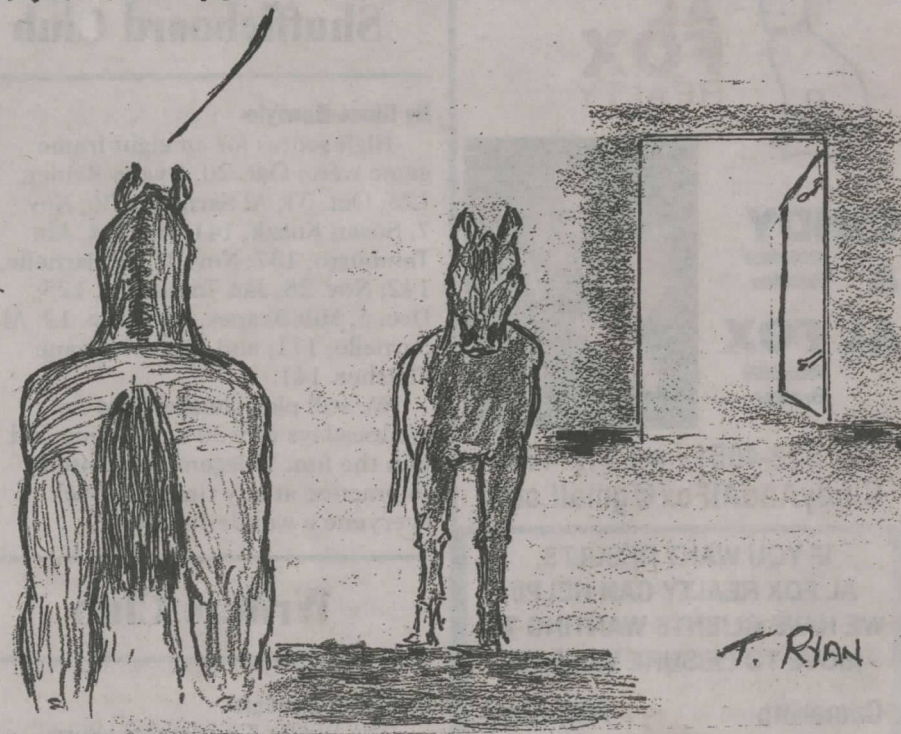
Remember to become a member of The Stoners. No experience is necessary. Our seasoned members are available to teach wirewrapping, beading and payote, and we do not have dues.

We meet every Monday in the MPR from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Stop by and check us out.

For further information, please contact Fil Barton at 987-3637 or Aleta Howarth at 236-0040.

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## Shuffleboard Club

**By Diane Hawrylo**

High scores for an eight frame game were: Oct. 20, Dyane Reider, 123; Oct. 31, Al Sarnelle 136; Nov. 7, Susan Kusak, 141; Nov. 14, Jan Tamburro, 137; Nov. 21, Al Sarnelle, 142; Nov. 28, Jan Tamburro, 125; Dec. 5, Milt Krapes, 150; Dec. 12, Al Sarnelle, 171; and Dec. 19, Diane Fleisher, 141.

We still play shuffleboard on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. Come and join the fun. Villagers are invited to practice at any time. We wish everyone a wonderful 2013.

## Writers Club

**By Bonnie Sanders**

The Writer Club meets every

Monday at 1 p.m. in the MPR, except holidays. There is a mix of both writers and listeners. The future subjects are:

- Methodology I Use to Write, Jan. 7.
  - What I Enjoy Most in Traveling, Jan. 14.
  - Pride in my Grandchildren, Jan. 21.
  - My Most Enjoyed Trip, Jan. 30.
- Two subjects not covered are religion and politics.

The final subjects would be a wrap-up of interesting stories and poems offered in the past.

## International Folk Dance

**By Michele Malkin**

International Folk Dance meets every Monday between 1 and 2:30 p.m. in the Sun Room. Valerie Daley is our great and wonderful instructor. We do dances from Russia, Yugoslavia,

Israel, Japan and the United States.

Remember when you went to camp as a small child? We have lots of fun and it is great exercise. No experience is necessary. New members are always welcome. Any questions, call Michele at 383-9996.

## Sing Along

**By Anne Wolfson**

The Sing Along group will be meeting in the AR from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 14 and Jan. 28. All Villagers and their friends and neighbors are invited to participate in a fun evening with song books and piano accompaniment by Irene Olson or Stan Vansant.

Dick Guttman, with the "pull down screen" and his computer, helps us to enjoy a delightful song fest. You'll meet new friends and greet old ones with favorite songs.

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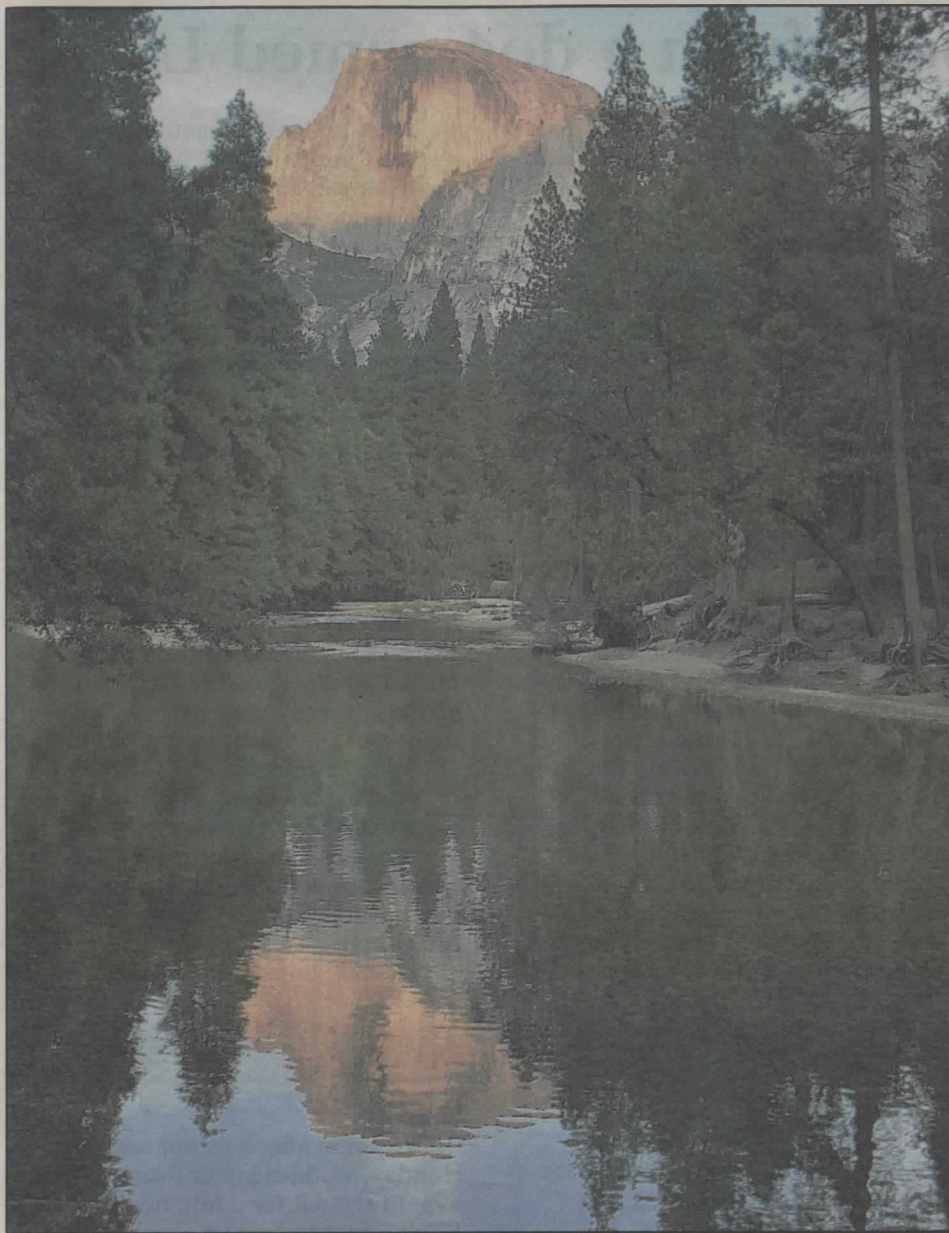


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"Half Dome Reflection with Neutral Density Filter" won Laura Greffly a first place in the December Camera Club competition in the Assigned category of "Landscapes, Cityscapes, Seascapes."

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### Jazzercise

By Barbara Yago

It is a brand new year and time for new beginnings. For those of you who haven't given Jazzercise a try, or those of you who haven't been back for awhile, this is an open invitation to come and check us out.

Jazzercise is an all-around exercise program to get your fitness level to a

healthy place. Our instructor, Renee, is a highly qualified teacher with more than 20 years of experience — 10 of those years right here in Leisure Village. This is a low-impact class especially choreographed for our age group.

Renee starts with a warmup that gradually leads into a light aerobic workout, some strength training with weights and a cool-down to a gentle finish.

Renee is an expert in keeping us motivated with her encouragement

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# A whiter shade of poodle: Lessons from a dog named Lucky

By Susan Amerikaner

The first time I hugged him he was already dead. He was a difficult dog. I adopted him when he was 10. He had been neglected and abused. But the poodle rescue (I know: a poodle, how could I?) brought him over to the house. They told me his name was Coco. So I figured at least he was going to be a brown poodle, and I could live with that. Then they bring me this disheveled and definitely white poodle.

"He's white," I said. "Why do they call him Coco?"

"I have no idea," said the rescue lady, who looked relieved to have a place to plop him. "I guess for Coco Chanel."

"But... Coco Chanel was a woman, and this dog is a male."

No response.

I should have known then that I was in for trouble. She left him with me, and he nipped at me at the door.

But then he immediately put his head down as if he realized he was wrong and sorry.

That was the beginning of our dysfunctional relationship. Now it is over, and I will miss that crazy dog.

I renamed him Lucky because I didn't want to have to keep explaining why a white male was named Coco. And I figured, like our other rescue dogs that came before, he would be a lucky pup.

Years ago I once heard a man say that if he believed in reincarnation, he would want to come back as a poodle in a Jewish home. So here he was.

As much as we spoiled him for six years, letting him sleep in our bed and feeding him only the best food, Lucky was not easy to love. He tolerated my husband Erik and occasionally tried to bite him. He even nipped me if I tried to touch him where he did not want to be touched — which was

anywhere below the top of his head. But clearly he wagged his tail madly when he saw us.

He was never more than three inches from me, even sticking his nose around the shower curtain when I took a shower. I liked the attention. And I loved this difficult dog unconditionally.

At the end, he was too sick and came at me like pit bull. I am no dog whisperer and could not handle him well. It was time.

A very good friend, who was sympathetic to my turmoil as I tried to decide whether to put him down, said, "Look at it this way. You'll finally get to hug him when he's gone." Perhaps the ultimate selfish act, but I knew it was true. And the next morning, when he stopped eating and drinking and lost control of his bladder, I felt I had my answer from a higher authority. It was time.

So my husband and I took him to the vet from whence he came. Lucky looked at me the whole way. I stayed in the room, and when the vet said, "He's gone," I hugged him and squeezed him as I had always wanted

to. Then he took a reaction breath — and I jumped three feet.

"He's still alive!" I shouted.

The doc explained that these spasms happen for a while. So I continued hugging and touching him all over. His eyes were lifeless, and that hurt the most. This is death, I thought. I am still having a hard time forgetting the sightless eyes which, for the last six years, had constantly searched for me.

Lucky was not the first dog we rescued and probably won't be last. From the others I got great joy and affection. But I learned something important from Lucky. If you give to someone — or something, don't expect payback. Give because it makes you feel good — or because giving is simply your nature. But don't do it because you expect gratitude or affection in return.

I have often resented people who have not had the good sense to go woozy over something kind I did for them. It took my crazy little white coco poodle to teach me a valuable life lesson.

Thanks, Lucky. I will miss you.

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and humor. This is truly a class for anyone who enjoys moving in a healthy way to music.

Your first class is free so you can come and see what we do. Hopefully, you will want to join us on a regular

basis.

So, come check us out any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 9 a.m. in the AR for a fun, healthy hour. Don't forget to bring water to help keep you hydrated, wear comfortable clothing and some rubber-soled shoes.

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# And there he was ...

By Norma Ratner Waldhorn, V. 17

Gee, our voluntary memories are like a moviola, in the closet till we want to review and relive images of our past. And I had a rejoicing experience, like those of some very religious people or scientists who arrive to a satisfactory result after a difficult experiment.

But, who hasn't dreamed to go to Disneyland at least once?

Actually, I haven't gone back to Disneyland in about 42 years. I remember that well since the staff did not allow me to ride the Pirates of the Caribbean then because I was visibly pregnant.

But, in 1964, this 22-year-old newlywed was going to fulfill her dream.

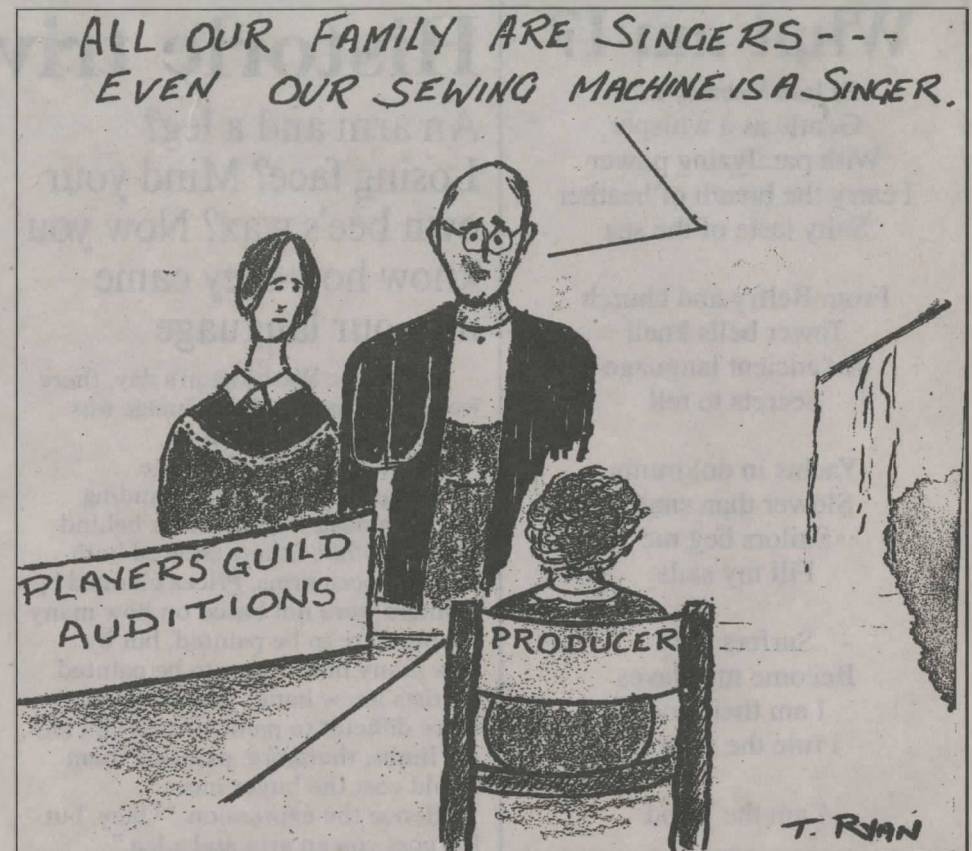
My husband and I and another couple we had met on our flight here from Argentina — the four of us recently awarded U.S. residence — had arranged to take a bus to Anaheim. We called the bus company from a corner phone booth. None of us had a car yet. We arrived to our field of dreams, our hearts filled with enthusiasm, our young bottoms not even complaining after the long trip. We walked and walked, enjoying every single stretch of a fantasy world that was slapping us with its colors and futuristic model houses, the super duper rides, the old and loved gigantic characters, an atmosphere of joy, "a real never-never land."

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enveloping every soul and every pair of legs in the marvelous rhythm of his bronze. I couldn't help crying. There he was, he himself and his band and his unmistakable sound. My emotions had overcome "my coolness." I could not believe the gift from my angels. His trademark eyes like two quarters aiming at me when he saw my humble Kodak Fiesta trying to catch that once-in-a-lifetime event — and I did!

Now jumping over my 70s, I can firmly vouch that happiness is, sometimes, nothing but an unexpected frill, a ruffle of sheer luck!



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## What am I?

By Joan Niebank, V. 22

Gentle as a whisper  
With paralyzing power  
I carry the breath of heather  
Salty taste of the sea

From Belfry and church  
Tower bells knell  
An ancient language  
Secrets to tell

Yachts in doldrums  
Slower than snails  
Sailors beg me  
Fill my sails

Surfers pray  
Become my slaves  
I am their god  
I rule the waves.

I am the Wind

## Historic trivia: 'I never knew that!'

An arm and a leg?  
Losing face? Mind your  
own bee's wax? Now you  
know how they came  
into our language

In George Washington's day, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted.

Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. (Artists know hands and arms are more difficult to paint.) Arms and legs are limbs; therefore, painting them would cost the buyer more.

Hence the expression, "Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg."

In the late 1700s, many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair. Commonly, a long wide board folded down from the wall and was used for dining. The "head of the household" always sat in the chair while everyone else ate sitting on the floor. Occasionally a guest, who was usually a man, would be invited to sit in this chair during a meal. To sit in the chair meant you were important and in charge. They called the one sitting in the chair the "chair man." Today in business, we use the expression or title "Chairman" or "Chairman of the Board."

Personal hygiene left much room for improvement. As a result, many women and men had developed acne scars by adulthood. The women would spread bee's wax over their facial skin to smooth out their complexions. When they were speaking to each other, if a woman began to stare at

another woman's face, she was told, "Mind your own bee's wax." Should the woman smile, the wax would crack, hence the term "crack a smile."

In addition, when they sat too close to the fire, the wax would melt. Therefore, the expression "losing face."

Early politicians required feedback from the public to determine what the people considered important. Since there were no telephones, TVs or radios, the politicians sent their assistants to local taverns, pubs and bars. They were told to "go sip some Ale and listen to people's conversations and political concerns." Many assistants were dispatched at different times. "You go sip here" and "You go sip there." The two words "go sip" were eventually combined when referring to the local opinion, and thus we have the term "gossip."



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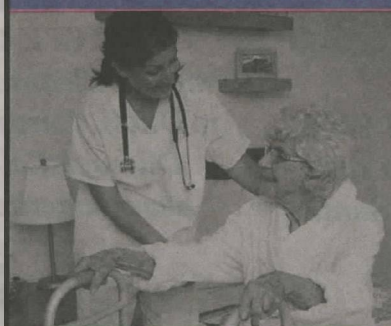


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