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# Large Turnout For Candidates' Night

By Bob Atz

Approximately 300 Leisure Village residents turned out for Candidates' Night on June 4 in the AR. The five candidates for the two upcoming vacancies on the Board of Directors made their presentations as to why they wanted to serve on the Board.

The program was conducted by Ed Hawthorne, who in his role as Chairman of the Nominating Committee, also posed questions from the audience to the candidates. Over 60 questions were written on cards turned in by residents to be presented to the candidates.

The questions were collected by ushers Aaron Bonderman (V.20), Joe Morrison (V.42), and Robby Karlin (V.38) and delivered to Al Bennett (V.25) who served as head usher. The cards were then given to screeners Bob Atz (V.8), Ann Levey (V.8) and Jim Nichols (V.28) who re-viewed them for duplica-tion and passed them on Chairman Hawthorne. Ben Hanson (V.9) served as timekeeper to ensure that the candidates observed the 4minute period allowed for their initial presentations and the 2-minute periods allocated for their responses to questions.

Although over 40 topics were addressed by the questioners, there was not enough time to allow all questions to be asked.

Y.N.C.G. FREE Blood Pressure Clinic Monday July 15 7:00-8:00 p.m. AR

# Board Selects New Officers For Year

Following a very active campaign, Village elections were held June 20. Then the new Board met and selected officers for the coming year. They are:

President Dick Griswold

Vice President Hunter Cohen
Secretary Nick Fiore
Treasurer Mike Shapiro

Member-at-large Donna Duke



By Naomi Balfour

The July class of 55 Alive will be held in the MPR at 1:00 p.m., July 18 and 19. This class is for resident licensed drivers who want a refresher course in safe driving. All participants will receive a discount on Automobile Insurance for three years. The cost is \$8.00. Since each class is limited to 30, you must be pre-registered and prepaid.

For more information and registration call Viola Emmerson 388-2524 or Naomi Balfour 987-9851.

**Newly Elected Board Members** 



**Dick Griswold** 



Mike Shapiro

# Meet Your Neighbor Hears Book Reviewer

By Carol Heyerick

Meet Your Neighbor group will hold its next meeting on June 28 at 1:30 p.m. in the Garden Boom

The guest speaker will be Lillian Hawthorne. Mrs. Hawthorne gives a most interesting book review and she will give a few surprise titles for summer reading. It will be a pleasure to welcome her.

Hildi Taylor, Chairman, will welcome all residents as well as new people in the Village. She will ask new comers to tell a little

about themselves.

Hildi will tell about the many clubs and activities available to all residents. She will thank Channel 12 for taping and will tell about the Vial of Life.

Come enjoy a refreshing hour and a half. All are welcome.

# July 4 Picnic Moves Indoors

The traditional LV Fourth of July celebration will be held in the AR this year. Villagers with tickets are urged to wear red, white and blue clothing.

The menu is hot dogs with buns, condiments, baked beans, potato salad, chips, cake, lemonade and coffee. Tickets at \$3.00 each went on sale in the Recreation Center Lobby on June 10. This event usually sells out, so tickets may no longer be available.

Entertainment will feature the Rhythmettes marching in to the patriotic music that they will play. Various singing and dancing groups will perform, with sing-a-longs included.

Time is set for noon to 3:00 p.m. Food will be served to the tables at 12:30 p.m.

# **Board Appoints New Nominating Committee**

Six Village homeowners have been appointed to the Nominating Committee for next year, according to Ed Hawthorne, outgoing LVA Board President.

This committee will be

chaired by Hunter Cohen, a member of the present LVA Board, and consists of Bob Atz, Ed Hawthorne, Bill Himstreet, Luella Kelwin, Ann Levey and Jim Nichols. They will be seeking candidates for the three LVA Board of Directors positions to be filled at the June 1997 election.

In making his announcement, Hawthorne noted that all the members of this committee have prior experience as Board members.

New Board
Takes Over Duties
on July 1 in AR
10:00 a.m. meeting

### Second Year LVA Board Members



**Hunter Cohen** 



**Donna Duke** 



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Nick Fiore

# Inside LEISURE VILLAGE • OPINION

# **Vote "Yes" on Propositions**

Last week two new LVA members of the Board of Directors were elected. Still pending, however, are two ballot measures which have been submitted to the Village homeowners for decisions.

This vote will be accomplished by ballot box or mail, with a 90-day voting time limit. Residents are urged to complete both ballots and turn them in now.

These ballots refer to changing the rules under which the Village is operated. One is an initiative measure to delete the cumulative voting provision from the By-laws. The other measure is presented by the Board to revise the CC&Rs. Inside Leisure Village favors a "yes" vote on both of them.

The text for the initiative petition was carefully written. It was reviewed and endorsed by a former LVA Board member who is also an attorney. The signed petition was submitted to the current LVA Board in January of this year. The text of the petition was then forwarded to the LVA attorney, who said it was acceptable as presented.

Now, six months later, a current Board member expresses "fear" that the text raises concerns about recall procedures. No one intends to change the recall procedure. This "fear" is a tactic to divert attention from the real objective — to delete the cumulative voting provision from the By-laws when electing new Board members.

National, state, city and county elections are set up on a one person, one vote basis. Why does Leisure Village still cling to a different system, a cumulative voting procedure where votes can be stacked or manipulated? One person, one vote is the widely-accepted normal procedure and is certainly more democratic. Villagers are asked to correct our strange practice by voting "yes" to delete cumulative voting from the By-laws.

The other issue, revision of the CC&Rs, will cut the number of votes necessary to amend that document from a three-quarters positive vote to a two-thirds positive vote. The presently required large number of votes to make this change is very difficult, if not impossible, to attain. Thus, LV is stuck with an unwieldy system, by which the present CC&Rs cannot be updated.

Change may be unsettling to some. Let's hope that homeowners, drawing on their years of wisdom, are flexible enough to implement these two important sumes a selection and apchanges by voting "yes."

# **ABOUT NEXT MONTH**

Coordinator for the next month will be Betty Murray. Please follow guidelines and be as brief as you can. Deadline for the July 26 issue will be Monday, July 8, 1996 at 5:00 p.m. To arrange for a photographer, call coordinator at least 3 days in advance. Do not call photographer.

### Letters

ILV has obligated itself to publish letters to the editors that are not profane or libelous. Views or statements expressed are the beliefs of the writer and are not necessarily supported by the staff of ILV. Letters must include signature, address, and telephone number. Please limit letters to 250 words. We reserve the right to edit and/or condense. Place in ILV box or give to Coordinator of the month, as listed on page 2.

In the May 1996 issue of Inside Leisure Village, Alan Rosin (V.26) questioned the mission and the operations of our Nominating Committee. In particular, he asked (1) why does the Committee not accept all candidates desiring to run -- why reject any, and (2) why are Committee's deliberations confidential, and why not disclose the reasons for the rejection of a Candidate.

These are good questions to which answers are long overdue. As a Past President of the Board of Directors, and as a past Chairman of the Nominating Committee, I am familiar with the issues and feel qualified to address them.

At first glance, Mr. Rosin's concerns and suggestions seem reasonable. Upon further consideration, however, we see that current practice is justified.

Article VI, Section 1 of our By-Laws stipulates that we shall have a Nominating Committee, and that .."nominations for election to the Board of Directors shall be made by the Nominating Committee...

This inherently pre-

there may be times when certain Homeowners who may wish to become candidates may be rejected by the Committee. If this were not an option then there would be no reason for this Committee whatsoever; it could be replaced by a recording clerk. Indeed, there are excel-

lent logical reasons for these rejection provisions. As a Homeowners Association, we must protect ourselves from potential problems, and our governing documents are designed to do just that. As part of this system, our Nominating Committee is tasked to perform the function of screening out applicants whose background, experience, or apparent motivation may indicate potential problems, or whose health may not be up to the demanding tasks of the office - just to name a few considerations.

As to the issue of confidentiality -- there are compelling arguments for not making Committee deliberations public, and, in particular, the reasons for the rejection of an applicant. Just to name a few, such revelations (1) could be considered denigrating to the individual, (2) could be the basis for litigation, and (3) could be very detrimental to the applicant's possible candidacy by petition, should he or she choose to pursue this legally available alternative upon rejection by the Nominating Committee.

I might point out here that this last option has, in fact, taken place recently: The unfortunate compromise of Committee's confidentiality regarding reasons for applicant's rejection was very dam-

proval process, i.e. that aging to his subsequent campaign to run by petition!

> The above arguments do not negate the fact that Mr. Rosin did raise worthwhile questions. In fact, one of his ideas has considerable merit, and that is that the criteria for Committee's consideration of applicants be made public. I would support asking the Board of Directors to consider this.

Edward I. Hawthorne, V.42

We may be a little late in expressing our thanks to all the wonderful people who helped us when our brother had a heart attack on April 25, but the sun has not yet set on the day we have not given our heartfelt thanks to all those known and unknown to us. You are the ones to whom we want to express our gratitude with many thanks! Friends are so special!!

> G. Mary Dullam John & Maida Dullam Hilda Serr, V.17

Thank you, friends and for your neighbors, thoughtful tribute and cards in memory of Louis Cherin, beloved husband, father and grandfather.

> Mildred Cherin, V.34 and Family

Thank you to so many friends and acquaintances for your cards and best wishes after my "TIA" last month. Your concern makes me feel very humble.

All will be well, I think, and I shall soon be busy in Village activities again.

Betty Murray, V.4

Thank you to our many friends in LV for your many kindnesses, donations, cards and thoughtfulness when Arthur succumbed on May 16 to his much too long illness. Thanks also for the love and caring shown to me during this period and throughout his illness

Dorothy Skuro, V 29

### **INSIDE LEISURE VILLAGE**

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# **Support Group For** Stroke Survivors, **Caregivers** By Ruth Miller

Would you be interested in helping to form a support group for stroke survivors and their caregivers?

Stroke has meant something different for each of us, yet we do share some of the same needs, as do the caregivers. In a support group, we will be able, hopefully, to identify the needs of survivors and their families.

Some of the goals of such a group would be to give each other ideas on how to cope, to share problems and successes. to give emotional support to each other and, together, to make sense of the psychological and social stresses of the stroke experience.

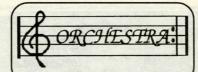
It may be that we need to investigate the community resources available to us in addition to exploring such issues as self-accep-

tance and acceptance of and by others. It might be important also to deal with specific pains and deficits of our bodies and the positive and negative aspects of our lives.

A support group such as this would be a welcome forum to express same of our shared (or individual) feelings, such as anger, frustration, guilt and depression. We surely hope that the experience would be an aid in promoting spiritual growth, which would lead to personal empowerment and heal-

Mostly, it is important that we know that we will be there for each other. In addition to being a stroke survivor myself, I am an artist, Art Therapist, Counselor and have been involved with stroke support groups in Sonoma and Marin Counties.

If you are interested, please call Ruth Miller 482-3471 (V.11).



By Don Holmes

The Leisure Village Orchestra, as we have reported in the past, plays hour-long concerts at several of the Convalescent Homes in nearby communities. In June the orchestra played at The Victorian and later played at Victoria Care Center, both in Ventura. (See their ad in ILV.) The Orchestra will be

INSIDE LEISURE VILLAGE - The Camarillo Star, June 28, 1996-page 3 playing at Oxnard Manor Convalescent soon, but the date has not yet been

Four new residents dropped in to the rehearsals, which are held every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the MPR but are occasionally moved elsewhere to accommodate other groups. Listen for us. We shouldn't be too hard to find. Bring your instru-ments. Our last concert was June 18 and we are not yet working too hard on new material.

emoriam

Jacob (Jack) Frank, V.42

> Louis B. Cherin, V.34

Carra R. Hatfield.

Arthur Bornfriend,

Harry Kenney, formerly of V.5

Betsy Steele,

Chase Gregory, V.32

# **SAFETY TIPS FROM** SECURITY DEPT.

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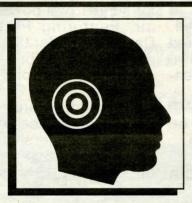
2. Care should be taken when using candles.

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location away from a hot

4. Check to see if neighbors electricity is out. If it is not out, it could be your circuit breaker has shut down.

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Lf. to rt. Joe Gavron, Charlotte Craven, Rita Shpiner, Rube Davis and Brian Bowley Photo by Klapperman

### **CURRENT ISSUES FORUM**

By Lillian Hawthorne

On June 7 the Current Issues Forum presented a panel discussion on the subject of the future of Camarillo State Hospital. The hospital has been earmarked for closure because it is no longer cost-effective due to its reduced patient population. Each of the program's three panelists discussed a different proposal for maintaining or adapting the facility or for converting it to another use.

Charlotte Craven, member of the Camarillo City Council, presented a recommendation to use the site for a four-year state university which would be more affordable and accessible than the location

presently for that purpose.
Riva Shpiner, member
of FAMI (Families of the Mentally III), discussed the need to maintain the mental health services and research, and a plan to increase the hospital population through transfers of other patients or addition of programs for the treatment of alcoholism and substance abuse.

Brian Bowley, President of CAPT (Association of Psychiatric Technicians), presented the suggestion for utilizing the hospital as

a forensic facility to treat convicted mentally ill offenders under medium security conditions, in addition to continuing the treatment of the current mentally and develop-mentally disabled popula-

Questions from the audience highlighted the advantages and disadvantages of each of these proposals. The program was moderated by Joe Gavron, and was attended by almost 150 Leisure Village residents concerned about the possible impact of any of these changes on our community.

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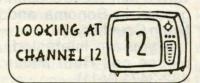


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# MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER

# 1983 VILLAGE PLAYERS PLAY



By Dick Hof

LVA Board meeting is live on Channel 12 at 10:00 a.m. Monday, July 1.

Larry Sawyer's "Shared Experience" will be shown at 5:00 p.m. on July 1, featuring June Hirsh.

A repeat of the LVA Board meeting will be

aired July 6, 10:00 a.m. On July 8, 5:00 p.m., Lee Edwards' movie review can be seen.

Lillian Hawthorne's book review will be shown at 5:00 p.m. July 15, a first novel by Nicholas Evans,

"The Horse Whisperer."
On July 22, 10:00 a.m., the "What Was My Line?" tape originally scheduled for June 1, will be on the air. Featuring Pauline Davis as moderator, the participants will be Idelle Jaffe, Joe Gavron, and Jerry Banchik.

As programs are subject to change, please consult the schedule shown in your Village Voice and also on Channel 12 coming events.



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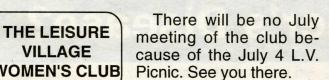
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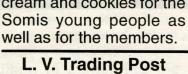
The Somis Show Stoppers





Betty Walker, Membership chairman, reported the Club has 427 members. Mary Kay Franey reported See's candy certificates reached \$292. Club members sang Happy Birthday to Lillian Pisors,

Photos by A. D. Flowers and thanked her and committee for the special ice cream and cookies for the Somis young people as



By Irene Cunningham The Trading Post sale has been changed from July 4 to July 11 due to the holiday celebration. The

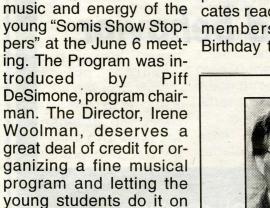
a.m. in the GR.

The Trading Post had terrific response from the villagers in donations and purchases at the "Big Outdoor" sale of June 22. The sale will open at 10:00 refreshments were an 2627.

added bonus to the enjoyment and success of the

For pickup of salable items, please call Betty, 484-5606 or Irene, 987-





In the Business meeting Pres. Edna McCormick called on all Board members for reports. Minutes were read by Dorothy Fencel, Secy, and Treas. report by Rosemay Hanson. Irene Cunningham, Chmn. Trading Post presented a \$500 donation to Mr. T. Tackett, Principal of Camarillo High School for the School's "Adopt a Desk" fund. He accepted with pleasure.

their own.

Mildred G. Oberg

Women's Club audience

was delighted with the

The Leisure Village

The Trading Post was outdoors on June 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and food was served. The members of this committee were thanked for their hard work.



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# Somis Kids (See page 6 for story)



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THE CERAMIC PLUS CLUB

By Don Holmes

In the May report on the Ceramic Plus Club, this writer referred to a "pot" he had made some years ago, which fell into the "just barely portable" class. Several people asked about this, so to elaborate a bit: it is just about knee high, and a foot in diameter. The instructor of the class, a gentlemen from the College, was also building one, which collapsed from its own

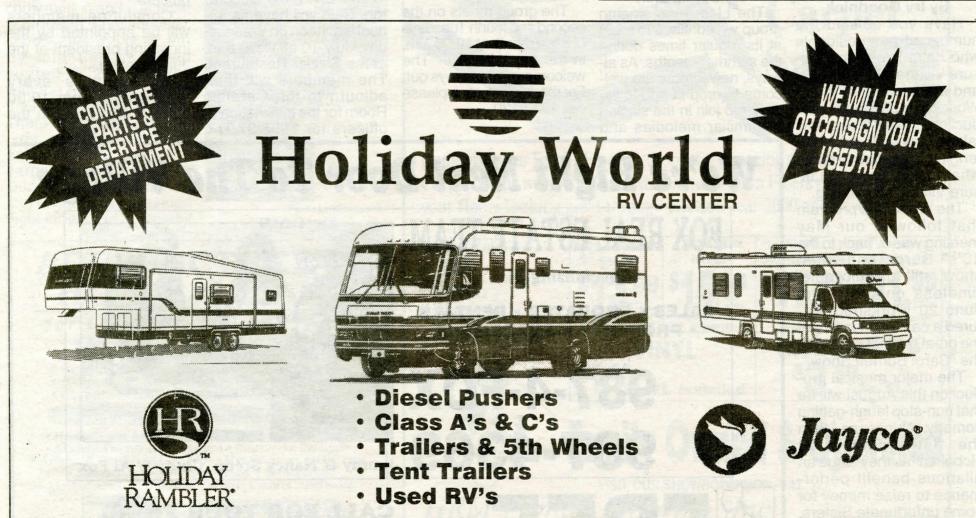
weight as he was putting on the finishing touches. As he explained, the walls have to be thick enough. So we did. "Stout" is not a good description. To be truly descriptive, adjectives unprintable in a family newspaper should be added. Get the picture? It is a pot.

# On Father's Day

By Esther Robbins Maltun

How often I think of my father... Not only on this special day And wish he had told me he loved me, But, somehow, that wasn't his way... He made no displays of affection, His love showed in things that he did. But outward signs of emotion Were things he avoided and hid. His reserve may have been a protection, A facade that he wore to disguise A heart too soft and vulnerable To trauma and to prying eyes. Many rains have watered my father's grave And still I live with regret For I never told him I loved him... It grieves me...l cannot forget...

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# By Irv Goodnick

Have you noticed the number of new residents who have joined the Leisure Village Players Guild and are taking part in our Workshops and major productions? New faces, new talent, new material, challenging activities - that's what makes living in Leisure Village so exciting.

The Workshop program that followed our May meeting was a "back to the 40's" Burns and Allen show, still an enjoyable, timeless comedy. The June 20 Workshop featured a cast of 13 in five of the great original skits from the "Carol Burnett Show."

The major musical production this August will be that non-stop laugh-getting comedy, "Nunsense." Join the "Little Sisters of Hoboken" as they stage an hilarious benefit performance to raise money for some unfortunate Sisters. This show is a scream! Ticket sales begin Monday, July 8. It is going to be a sell-out!



By Selma Lich

The Liedeleers singing group will continue to meet at its regular times during the summer months. As always, newcomers are welcome to drop in and to listen or to join in the singing of familiar melodies and

new releases. Why not give it a try? Those who have done so have found the musical experience exhilarating, nostalgic, relaxing and always fun.

The group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Lanai Room. The welcome mat is always out. For more information please call 484-8129.



By Ben Perry

The L.V. Computer Club had its sixth general meeting of the year in the Garden Room.

The Club continues to attract talented individuals that expound the merits and usage of the computer. New members welcomed into the club were Martin Markowitz and Charles Fenwich, who are both Computer consultants, Ray Andres, a former physics teacher, Ginny Mettler and Dottie McKean.

Eddie Saeta remains our Q&A man, solving some of the problems for computer users. Nancy

Willett informed the club of the Oxnard Adult School offering summer computer classes for Seniors. Cost is \$63.00 plus text book, less 25% discount for seniors.

President Dick Travis introduced Bob Junkin and Tim Beatty of R.J. Computer service that gave us a presentation "Why Change The Oil In Your Computer." It was a subject that we all understood, that being the continued proper maintenance of our computer. We invite trouble if we don't observe the rules of maintenance.

After the meeting adjourned some members broke into small groups to gather additional information in reference to their computers.

# **CERAMIC MOLD DECORATORS CLUB**

By Pepper Hemowitz

The L.V. Mold Decorators Club will have its annual luncheon on Wednesday, July 10 at 11:30 a.m. at the Sizzler Restaurant. The members will then adjourn to the Ceramic Room for the installation of officers for 1996/97. The officers are: Pres, Florence Neely; VP, Gladys Gray; Secy, Christina Swarski; and Treas, Isabell Kelly. Evelyn Boehm will install the new officers.

Committee members will be appointed by the incoming president at the July meeting.

Workshop is every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., in the Ceramic Room.

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# **Profile: Dan Davis**

By Herman Waltzer

"Those that can, should; those that can't should train until they are able to do it right". This epitomizes the credo of Dan Davis,

Dan's early life in Chicago as an athlete illustrates this philosophy. As a teenager, he joined a local sports club where he developed a talent for wrestling. His wrestling coach encouraged him to keep training constantly. His later life also has illustrated this striving for professionalism.

After high school graduation, Dan visited his brother in Los Angeles and opted to stay. His decision was influenced not only by climate, but also the training opportunities offered by some of the finest teachers of construction and architecture in the nation.

Prior to World War II, Dan trained and worked in construction and electrical contracting. Subsequently, shortly after the U.S. entry into the war, Dan started military service with the Army Air Force in the Asiatic Pacific Theater. There he served as a flight crew engineer in maintenance on bombers and cargo transport aircraft. During part of his military tour of duty, he also trained flight crews. He is grateful

for the two year A&E training he received while in the Air Force. He feels that this training, while not specifically relevant in his later professional career, was still valuable to him.

After his military discharge, Dan resumed work in electrical contracting and construction. Eventually, in 1947, he became the sole owner of real estate and development companies (Dan Davis Development Company and Dan Davis Realty Company). By this time he had a real estate broker's license in addition to a contractor's license. His company developed housing tracts and he is proud of the quality of these homes. This phase ceased in 1968 when he started specializing in cus-



Photo by Klapperman **Dan Davis** 

tom building and remodeling. His company remodeled many homes owned by well known celebrities. Dan constantly used his previous training and experience in architecture and construction in this very demanding occupa-

By 1986, after a total of 56 years in the construction business, starting at the age of eleven when he assisted a neighbor who

was a contractor, Dan re- mittee primarily to help tired to Leisure Village. ensure the best quality and Here in Leisure Village, during the past ten years, Dan has served on the Association Board of Directors (1990-1992); the Architecture and Landscape Committee which he has chaired for three years; the Finance Committee (one year). At the request of a board member, Dan organized the Purchase Research Com-

price for items purchased by the Village.

In his personal life, Dan is proud of his two daughters and five grandchildren. His granddaughter, Jennifer, an Olympic track star, attends college on a scholarship. Her older brother, Richard, also competed in Olympic track meets. Dan thinks there

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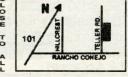


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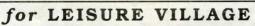
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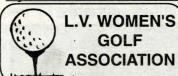
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By LaRue Boynton

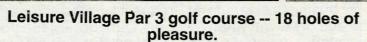
This is the finale for Women's Golf 1995-1996. It has been a good year with President Fran Meade. A president gets to do many different jobs, and Fran did them all so well. The new president, Rosemary Hanson and her board and standing committees will also be a driving force for the club.

The installation luncheon was a huge success. Georgia Griswold and Ruth Smith were the luncheon co-chairs. Pat Holly and Shirley Heller computerized the winners and distributed the trophies and awards.

The following is a list of tournament winners:

Super Seniors: Niners: Flt B: low gross, Jane Gifford, Low net, Betty Bruce. Flt A: Low gross, Dora Cronyn. Low net, Rae Sohr. Eighteeners: Flt C: Low gross, Edith Dowsing. Low net, Doris Walton. Flt. B: Low gross, Nettie Baum. Low net, Betty Morgan. Flt. A: Low Gross, Mary Geisler. Low net,





Dorothy Praeger,

Medal Play Tournament: Niners Flt. B: Low gross, Nancy Whitaker. Low net, Millie Worth. Flt. A: Low gross, Marge Kelly. Low Maria Meyers. net, Eighteeners: Flt. C: Low gross, Joan Johnson. Low net, Rosemary Hanson. Flt. B:. Low gross, Aggie Saltus. Low net, Shirley Williams. Flt. A: Low gross Donna Duke. Low net, Sylvia Tockerman.

Club Champion Tournament: Flt. A. 1st, Alda Kroll 2nd, Mary Giesler. 3rd, Fran Mead. Flt. B: 1st, Teruko Nishizako, 2nd, Shirley Heller. 3rd, Marjorie Rice. Flt. C; Betty Morgan. 2nd, Lucille White. 3rd, Barbara Pardue.

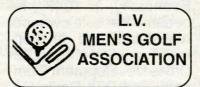
Dorothy Praeger, 2nd place, Lindsey Merrill. 3rd place, Dora Cronyn. Flt. B: 1st place, Sharon Green. 2nd place, Helen Sierich.

Marge Kelly shot a holein-one at the 13th Fairway on May 22. Quoting Marge, "This is my 6th hole-in-one" She had a ten year dry spell before this one. So be patient girls, it could happen to you too! Marge Kelly is the Club Champion for the niners, the Club Champion for the Eighteeners being June Rose. Putting Contest winner is Donna Duke. The most improved golfers for the year are; Hattie Stern for the Eighteeners and Sharon Green for the **Niners** 

Congratulations to a Niners: Flt. A: 1st place, great group of lady golfers.



Photos by A. D. Flowers



By Dick Hof

Men's Golf President's Cup tournament was held May 7 and May 14, with Joe Kremer and Harvey Shirk tying for low net in A Flight. After a playoff, Joe was the winner. B Flight produced a winner in Bill Kidder, Bill Fox second. Irv Goodnick prevailed for first in C Flight, with Lou Zabner second.

The popular month-end Village tournament on May 26 in A Flight showed George Nolte shooting a one-over-par 55 for low with gross, Ernie Ohmstedt taking low net at 47. B Flight results had Jay Praeger in at 64 for low gross, low net Bill Kidder 53. In C Flight, George Dennis carded 66 for low gross, while low net of 56 was won by Tony Gregg.

Regulation play at Los Robles on May 30 had John Dawley firing an 89 to take low gross in A Flight. George Fritz had a 91 for first low net. B Flight showed Sid Necowitz and Paul Lindsey tied for low gross at 95, with Sid coming out on top by matching cards. In C Flight, George Dennis carded a 102 for low gross. Jay Praeger and Jack Rogers tied for low net at 70.



By Lillian Mankoff

LV

All members of the LV Exercise Group who have paid their current annual dues of \$3.00 were invited to a bagel brunch after our exercise program on June 14. Paid up membership also entitles us to participate in the annual catered picnic dinner on June 28.

Our chef, Joe Kremer, is

planning a menu of chicken and tri-tip plus all the fixings for only \$7.00 per person. Games will precede the feasting and many phenomenal door prizes will be given out after dinner. Pay for your reservation as soon as possible. Only 200 people can be accommodated.

Our exercise program from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. on Monday through Friday at the pool Pavilion will help to keep you fit and better able to enjoy each day.



**Bocce Court** 

Photo by A. D. Flowers



By Henry Carfagna

Those who missed the May 30 meeting missed a very entertaining TV video of the International Yearly

Contest of Professional Ballroom Dancing

The Bocce Olympic Tournament was held on June 24, 25 and 26. Winners will be announced in the next issue

Big Bocce Barbecue was held in the picric area June 27 at 5:00 p.m. catered by Cinnamon West.

Tournament cash prizes were awarded after the picnic.



**Painters** By Georgia Schneider

The

Village

Village Painters will meet on the regular first Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in MPR. The delightful puppet show by Rawza Kramer and her friends at the June meeting will be followed in July by a critique of our art work.

Members will bring their art for friendly help. Guests welcome.

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display will feature paintings by Sylvia Wachter and Marion Jayne.

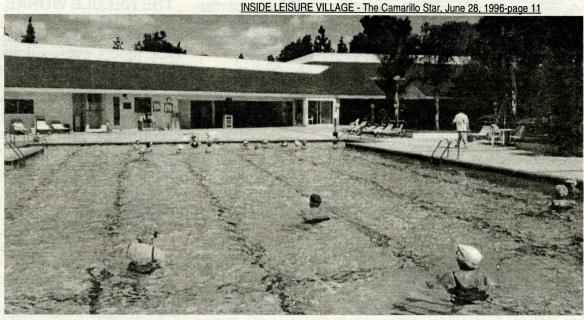
By Sig Jaffe

the Swingers Square Dance Club, the month of May was as a very colorful one featuring a Hawaiian dance and an anniversary- Memorial Day dance. At the Hawaiian dance, members showed up in colorful muumuus and fancy shirts with native Hawaiian designs. The dance floor looked like a garden in motion as the rich floral costumes went through the various intricate figures with which Bill Kramer challenged us. Of course, everyone had the required leis also swinging in the breeze.

The Memorial Day dance was more somber. Members wore the appropriate red, white, and blue costumes and paid respectful tribute to the veterans and fallen comrades. We were happy to welcome back Earl and Ginny Mettler and Celia Priore who have been ill recently. In addition, some old former club members dropped by to visit us.

At the general monthly meeting, the nomination committee, represented by Cy Boynton, presented the slate of officers for the 1996-1997 year. It included: George Nolte and Sig Jaffe as co-pres; Hal and Minna Hudson as first V.p.s; Geri Nolte as secy., and Arnold and Faye Rich as treas. Activity persons will be Mary Kovach and phone Fran Gunningham, Round dance tapes Norman Fuller, and decorations Geri Fuller. During the meeting, we celebrated the birthday of Rae Gimpel and the 58th anniversary of Hal and Minna Hudson.

Election took place on June 11 and the elected officers were installed at the potluck dinner on June



Mary Kay Franey, Sun- The Water Exercise class which meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday shine Belle Ross, Tele- mornings at 11:00 are more popular than the photo suggests. Marie mornings at 11:00 are more popular than the photo suggests. Marie Hergenroeder usually leads the group in rhythmic movements which are Photo by A. D. Flowers designed to tone up and loosen muscle.



L.V. RACQUET CLUB

The Racquet Club picnic was a delicious success thanks to Si and Ruth Wyler and a host of helpers. Brian Lees' "free paddle offer" if anyone

and Barbara Ohmstedt.

Birthday greetings were extended to the May celebrants. Door prize winners were Dave Halfin, Charlie Kent, Herb Warneke, Andre Carfagna. Ohmstedt, Trudy Orsan, Wagner.

Remember, no meet-

beat him at a game of tennis remained unrewarded. His paddle tennis exhibition with a cohort was enjoyed by all. Something to work toward?

The April meeting mystery guest was Ben Smithkin. He was born December 27, 1921 in Manhattan, New York. He later attended City College and studied radio communication. The Army, in World War II, put him in the Signal Corp. He was later transferred to Hawaii where he worked at night and drove the local bus daytime. When he earned enough money to match Rhoda's savings, they got married. They have lived in the Village almost 20 years, belonging to several clubs, among which is the Radio Club.

The May mystery guests Arnold and Faye Rich regaled us with his life as a Hollywood cameraman. He spoke of the infamous movie shoot that turned into a helicopter disaster where he was on the front camera. That ended his desire for "live action." He subsequently worked on the Love Boat TV series, Faye traveling along with him.

Phil Belsky announced that the Annex will be open July 1 in the mornings for table tennis on a one month trial. Come join and play. If all goes well, more tables organized tournaments and whatever else players have in mind are possible.

The next meeting is on July 10 at 7:30 p.m. Can we count on a full house?



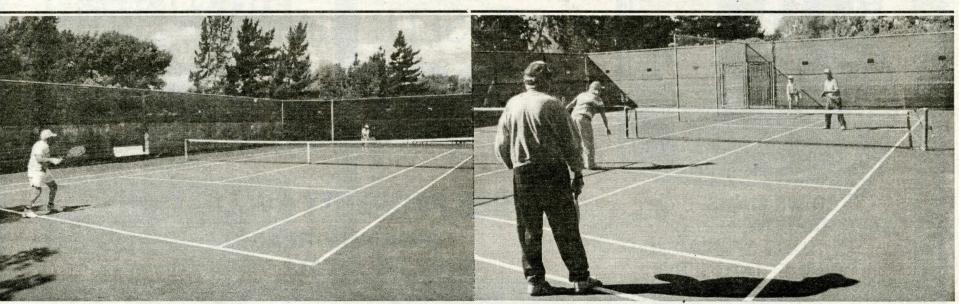
By Irene Cunningham Tony Gregg presided over the L. V. Billiard Club

meeting of May 28.

The Club's annual picnic was held Sunday, June 9. The weather was beautiful, the food was delicious and a good time was had by all. The party ended with an

exciting drawing: 18 lottery Gregory, Carole Vaught ticket winners, and five winners of the surprise prizes.

The Billiard Club Tournament was canceled due to lack of participation. Two guests were welcomed by the Club. Rea Marion Sanders, Barbara Williams, assistant hospitality chairperson, with Ruth Rigg and Betty helpers Edna Penfield and Gladys Gray displayed a delicious array of refresh- ings in July or August. ments furnished by Marty



Photos by A. D. Flowers

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R.V. CLUB



By Kay Murray

The R. V. Club wishes to thank all the Villagers who supported the R. V. Club's Warren Sugg Memorial Pancake Breakfast. Warren started the breakfast tradition 12 years ago, and was chief chef until his recent death. Warren's wife Eva, son Mike and his sister-in-law Wilma Christian attended the memorial celebration.

sold tickets, bought and prepared food, while others served and cleaned up tables. Keyboard Club members Guy Moshier, Maxine Hollingsworth and Jules Nayfack played three hours of beautiful music. R.V. Club president Bill Glazman wishes to extend the Club's appre-

ciation to all who participated, and especially Pat Stanfield, who coordinated the efforts.

Approximately 550 tickets were sold, and as with most other Village clubs, the profits from such endeavors are used for charitable gifts, Village improvements and the R.V. lot maintenance.

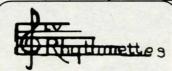
On Thursday, May 23, the Southern California area experienced a minor earthquake at approximately 8:00 a.m. Coincidentally, our ESO Committee staged a DPX drill for Volunteer club members that very morning at 9:00 a.m. The RVers were out on station with their rigs and CB radios.

> Our communication skills seemed much improved over past drills. The reports on CB Channel 12 in the west sector came in sharp and clear. The flag reports in most villages showed good cooperation by residents.

### THE NEEDLE WORKS **ETC. CLUB**

The Needle Works, Etc. Club meets every Friday, 9:30 - 11:30 in the Village Room.

Members are all working on projects: knitting, crocheting, and needle point. If you have an unfinished project gathering



By Margaret Hines

The Rhythmettes have been out and around, having fun again. Installation of officers was June 4, so it was time to have something special to eat, and some lively entertainment.

"Something special to eat" was supplied at Cinnamons' Restaurant, from ribs to apple pie. The entertainment was by Rhythmette members with vocal solos by Ginny Naspo and with Piff De Simone and Jean Aird as harmony back-up singers.

dust, or would like to start a project, then maybe we can help you. Also, if you want to learn any of these skills come with yarn and needles and we will try to help you.

books to look at. For information call Celia Gordon at 484-3441.

After the "pleasure in harmony" of their music, everyone joined in for a community sing. The musical lift was enjoyed by all.

Next was the installation of officers. Outgoing officers, Jean Aird pres., Marion Tavano, vice pres., Jeanette Ventura sec.. Bess Weidman treas., Piff De Simone, Music Director. Incoming officers; Jeanette Ventura pres., Isabel Torchia vp, Ginny Naspo secy, Bess Weidman treas. Piff De Simone, Music Director.

After the July 4 picnic, the Rhythmettes close down every year for summer hiatus.

**FOOD SHARE** By Sandy Okum, pres.YNCG

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By Sam Weinstein

The May 15 Camera Club meeting featured Betty Murray's slide show of an Elderhostel trip, taken with husband Kay, to the South Pacific Islands of Fiji, Tonga and West Samoa. Betty's discerning eye and lively narration provided fascinating views of the islands with emphasis on the people, their customs and some of the subtle, and not so subtle differences in their way of life. The show was interesting and informative. Thanks Betty, we enjoyed

a competition meeting and our judge was Thousand Oaks photographer, John Peele Jr. John is a longtime friend of our club and has appeared at many of our meetings, both as judge and speaker on photography topics. John chose the following winners in the assigned category, "Macro Photography": first place and Picture of the Month to Jack Burden for "Dewdrops," second place to Duane Waln for "Hop-a-long Friend" and third place to Ed Pollaine for "Butterfly at Rest." The Honorable Mentions were awarded to Betty Murray for "Cactus Flower" and

The June 5 meeting was Weinstein for "Bull's Eye".

The winners in the Open category were: first place and Picture of the Month to Sam Weinstein for "Quiet Snack," second place to Ben Smithkin for "Splendid China" and third place to Jack Burden for "Reflections/Dean Witter Building." The Honorable Mentions were awarded to Joan Ellis for "Venice" and Duane Waln for "Shadowed Curves."

The Camera Club meets on first and third Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the VR. Guests are always welcome.

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INDOOR **OUTDOOR** GARDEN CLUB

By Doris Achterkerchen

The Garden Club will meet on Thursday, July 11, in the MPR and will have a special treat in store. After hearing Lida Geddes's interesting talk in June on growing succulents, they will hear Teddy Colbert of Somis, whose profession is making living wreaths. Teddy is widely known in the field and has appeared on Martha Stewart's program. She has a different

INDOOR approach to wreath making because hers are livobjects. Using non-edible succulents is a new gardening form and is reminiscent of Della Robbia. She has been published in various magazines such as "Horticulture" and "Sunset" and has recently published a book, "Living Wreaths."

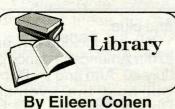


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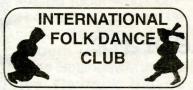
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LV Keyboard Club presents a \$500 check to Camarillo High School for its music program. Pictured are Terry Tackett, principal; Bruce Colell, music department chairman; Margarete Nayfack, Keyboard Club president; and Clara Gorenfeld, V. 22, who suggested the idea. The California Swing Kids, a jazz vocal ensemble, and the jazz band both have preformed in LV several times.



By Marilyn Goodman

The board meeting of the International Folk Dance Club was June 26 in the AR. The general meeting will take place on July 1 at 2:30 p.m. in the AR.

Dancing is relaxing, it's fun and good exercise. Why don't you join us and see for yourself? No partners needed. Dance hours are Monday for beginners at 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the AR; Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the AR.

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SOLO

By June Few

It's time for another dinner for the Solo Club members and guests. It's at the Oxnard Airport in the ban-



By Dorothy Karlin

The Happy Hoofers installed their new board on June 27 at Cinnamon's West. The new board consists of Ida Zeller, pres.; Shirley Law, v.p.; Vi Cohen, treas.; Kay Whitaker, secy.; Fayrose Gordon, Sunshine; and Shirley Heller, publicity.

We wish you, one and all, a glorious Independence Day. This special day we celebrate with a bit of happy advice—KEEP ON DANCIN!!





SATURDAY NIGHT BALLROOM DANCE

By Anne Janoff

On June 22, The Saturday Night Ballroom Dance celebrated their 20th Anniversary hosted by their Executive Committee. This event with its party atmosphere was enjoyed by all who attended. The evening was highlighted with a group of nostalgic Big Band era favorite ballroom dance numbers, in addition to special refreshments for the occasion.

Our next dance will be on Saturday July 13. The following dance on July 27 will feature a "Hawaiian Night" theme. This is always a fun evening with our villagers bedecked in their colorful island attire. Ladies' muu muus and gents' bright printed shirts are encouraged though usual casual attire is equally appropriate.

Pleasant sociability and good music for dancing are the main ingredients for our Saturday Night Ballroom dances and we welcome all villagers and their guests to join us. Listening and watching in a friendly environment is great fun too. Dancing is from 8-11:00 p.m. in the A.R. Admission is only fifty-cents per person. Usual refreshments coffee tea and punch; ice is available. BYOB.



By Majorie Kude

SWING

DANCE

GROUP

On July 6 the Swing Dance Group will have a Stars and Stripes dance. Henry Carfagna will host this patriotic occasion. Show your colors by wearing something red, white

and blue.

We are looking forward to our Americana dance on July 20. Ann and Irv Dubin will host the evening. Rhoda Smithkin will be teaching the Misirlou along with some easy line dancing. Join us for a fun evening of dancing. Coffee, tea and punch will be available. BYOB. Guests are always welcome.

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**By Gabriel Barkley** 

The next meeting of the Hearing Impaired Support Group will be held on Wednesday, July 24 at 1:00 p.m. in the MPR.

The guest speaker will be Barbara Adams, a chaplain at Saint Johns Hospital in Oxnard. Her topic will be "The Durable Power Of Attorney." A very short video on the subject will be shown. Legal forms of a Durable Power Of Attorney will be handed out free of charge. Every villager is cordially invited.

### **HEADSET AVAILABILITY**

Please Note: Where in the past these headsets were loaned out only to persons who were hearing impaired, they will now be available to anyone. 'The only requirement is that the person borrowing the headset leave with the at- didn't see it. tendant his or her unexpired California driver's license or Master Card. Visa Card, or Discovery Card or a bank Versateller Card as a deposit to be returned to the person upon return of the headset to the attendant before exit from the AR.



**GEM AND** MINERAL CLUB

**By Don Holmes** 

The Leisure Village Gem and Mineral Club is planning a picnic in the MPR on July 24, in place of the meeting usually held that night. Beef stroganoff or chicken, your choice, for only \$9.00, catered by our favorite caterer. See signup sheet in the Ceramic Room. Also in the planning: The December Christmas party.

The Club saw a tape on a trip by two intrepid travelers from Mexico to Alaska via the highways along the Rocky Mountains. This was done with what appeared to be a home-built camper shell on a pickup truck. A Model T Ford at that, and so tailheavy it appeared that the front wheels would come off the road any moment. Perhaps they did and we

Lois Bear and other club members had cases on exhibit at the recent Conejo Gem Show. The Club has subscribed to "Rock and Gem" magazine. Please read it and leave it in the Shop for others to enjoy.

### A Message To New **Residents Who Are Hearing Impaired**

By Gabriel Barkley

During the past year probably a number of residents moved into Leisure Village who are hearing impaired. It is important that they know that the Leisure Village Assembly Room (in the Recreation Building) is Center equipped with an infraredray sound system. A person using this system will hear all the sound coming through the stage microphones. The result is positively amazing. Often the quality of sound is better than that of a person with normal hearing.

At all plays put on by the Player's Guild, at most concerts sponsored by the Keyboard Club, and at certain special events occurring in the Assembly Room, twenty of these special receivers are available for loan. An attendant sitting near the entrance to the Assembly Room will ask for an unexpired driver's license, Master card. Visa card. Bankamerica card or Discovery card as security. Upon return of the headset the attendant will return your card. There is no charge for this service.

I think there is only one quality worse than hardness of heart, and that is softness of head.

Theodore Roosevelt



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# **A Pique At Politics**

By Barbara Simons,

At this point, the third column of a "Pique at Politics," I should introduce these columns more formally

This is a signed column, which means everything that you read under my name is my "take" on political events. This means I have either seen it, heard it or researched it. You may not agree with my conclusions but the facts are correct, at least as verified as fallible humans can make

Please remember the opinions expressed are mine, and are NOT those of the editors or ILV staffers

I also want to assure any sensitive readers who have, on the basis of the previous column, concluded I am a basher of Republicans, let me reassure you that I am an equal opportunity basher of all stupidity, greed, misfeasance, malfeasance and nonfeasance from any and all parties and individuals, wherever found.

Right now the Republicans are "IN" and are more likely to be written about than those not in power. However, as to the Democratic party, I shall take a pique at them as well and/ or anything else that interests me.

If you wish to express your view, please feel free

to do so by sending a letter to me care of ILV. All signed letters will be read and acknowledged. Exchange of ideas is healthy in a democracy.

### THE END OF BRIAN'S SAGA?

Remember Brian Setencich? (Pronounced Brian Senten-itch.) That young and very tall former pro-basketball player who was elected as the freshman Republican Assemblyman from Fresno? In his district the registered the Inter-Faith Council voters are 55% Democratic and 35% Republi-

He had a few negative encounters with the Republican leadership. One incident may have involved his astonishment at the order from party leadership to hide enough Republican Assemblymen in various Sacramento hotels to prevent a quorum in the Assembly

He probably curried no favor in his support of Republican Doris Allen for the speakership. Later Allen had appointed him as speaker pro-tem. We know what the party apparatus thought about her (and her hairstyles). Both were defeated in a recall election started by the Republican leadership. Brian even thought her statements, as speaker, saying that (business as usual) had to be changed and needed and (heaven forbid!) they had to work with everybody in the Assembly. Even Democrats!

Worse yet was Brian's casting of two votes against the recommendations (orders) of the party and voting with the Democrats, not once but twice. A vote akin to patricide in the party's eyes, (or at the very least: partycide). Pringle had him removed from the Local Government Committee for those votes.

When Brian addressed meeting of last March in Sacramento he likened the election to playing in a pro-basketball game. At this phase you do what you think you have to do to win the game. But after that political process is over, you come together and see what areas of compromise and agreement (dreaded words) can be reached and what areas of disagreement have to be worked out, so the State can go forward. This is sometimes called "doing the Peoples' business."

As speaker Pro-Tem in September, just before the Assembly shut down for a 4 month hiatus, Brian horrified some of his Republican elders by suggesting a bi-partisan committee be appointed to work on these very areas. It was his feeling that after elections the Assem-

better direction was bly has to operate "with the kind of integrity and decorum AND RESULTS that the best state in the nation deserves." Silly Brian!

As he stumped the state to gain support for these ideas, he learned another rude lesson in politics. He had not known that a man can shake your hand, pat you on the back, look you straight in the eye and give you a promise of support and then go up to Sacramento in January and do the exact opposite. Now he knows that political promises are not exactly the same as the promises the rest of us believe in, like giving and keeping your word as an honorable per-

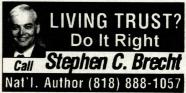
He naively used to believe that when he voted he was a representative for his district. Now he knows that is not true of any politician,

and, if truth be told, a pre-election speech would sound more like this: "When I go to Sacramento I'm going to do everything my caucus tells me to do because I want to get the resources necessary to be reelected."

Well, the end of the saga is, as he predicted, the Republican powers in Fresno came up with a great infusion of cash and ran another candidate against Brian. They elected the nephew of a founding member of the conservative California Independent Business PAC in a low turn-out G.O.P. primary.

In the general election, in a heavily Democratic area, could it be that the Republican's majority of one has just been wiped out? Nah! Politicians are smarter than that, aren't they?







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may be a genetic connection since he also competed in track events although not on the same level as the grandchildren.

Although it is now almost six years since Betty, his wife of 48 years, passed away, Dan thinks of her daily. Although the memory of Betty is important to him, his best friend, companion and "significant other", Minna Rappaport,

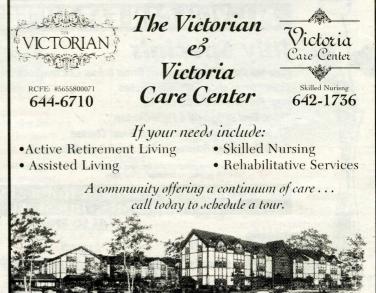
is equally important.

In addition, Dan values his long time friendships. These are friends from the old days in Chicago who now dispersed throughout the nation. Their professional backgrounds are very diverse. They have formed a club which still meets annually in Los Angeles. Although their main project is a yearly award of two college scholarships, they enjoy reminiscing about

the old days, hugging and glad-handing one another.

Dan's main hobby is golf. He is trying to constantly improve his game, characteristically, by practicing, practicing, until he feels he is "doing it right".

Dan is an outstanding example of a Village resident who has used the expertise gained from a lifetime of accomplishment for the benefit of our community.



### ONCE UPON A **MEMORY: A HIKE** UNINTENDED

By Betty Murray

During the summers when my husband and I operated a swim school in West Los Angeles, both of us could not be gone at once, so on occasional week-ends we alternated in taking our two sons on special camping trips and outings. One such weekend, I drove our pick-up truck with a modest camper shell over the back, camping equipment, and with the two boys, headed north up Hwy 395 toward Bishop and then Leevining. Our goal was to cross Tioga Pass into Yosemite and to drive home through the San Joaquin Valley.

Steve was 15, one year short of getting a permit to learn to drive. Dougas was 11, a large chunk of boy with not much self-confidence

By Saturday afternoon, we were in a campground in Yosemite Valley near the Merced River and below Glacier Point where the fire falls originated in those days. Steve quickly made friends with a 15 year old boy we'll call Tom, who was camped by himself for the whole summer. As I remember it, he had supper with us.

Sunday morning was so lovely we didn't want to leave, and Tom suggested that we take a short hike: he would lead the way toward Glacier Point where he knew of a spring coming out of the side of the cliff. With that enticement, Hocked the truck, slung my purse over my arm, and the four of us started out. If we left the campground around noon, I reasoned. in 7 or 8 hours we could be home.

The first part of the walk was fairly easy, and al-

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though the two older boys of where the trail would practically ran up the slope, they waited long enough for Doug and me to catch up before they sprinted onward. After 45 minutes or so, I questioned Tom about the spring we were looking for, and he assured us again that it was not much further. The trail was now much steeper. After another half an hour, Tom admitted that he didn't know where it was. Looking back, into the valley, we suddenly realized how high we had climbed. The summit now seemed closer than the valley; we had reached the point of no return.

The trail was now very obscure and steep. Douglas was frightened. "I can't go any further, Mom." "Come on, Doug, we'll help each other." "I'm too tired." "We can't quit here."
"We're going to fall down and die." "Keep trying. What would Dad do with-

out us?"

slowed up considerably, too, but always stayed ahead and above us. We had not brought any water because we thought we were only going as far as the "spring." So, I cajoled Doug, and hauled him up to another ledge, or pushed him up by the seat of his pants. At one point tiny buildings, trees and there was an ancient rope apparatus attached to metal pipes to assist hikers in pulling themselves up. "Don't look down-keep looking up!" The wall, nearly vertical, was more than a thousand feet above the valley floor, and three boys and a goofy woman were climbing with no idea

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lead, without water or equipment, with not a soul knowing where we were.

More than three hours after we left the campground, the four of us clambered up over the rim of the cliff close to Glacier Point, thirsty and exhausted. Turning around to read the sign we had just passed, it said, "Trail Closed-Danger! Keep Out," or words to that effect. Oops! We hadn't seen a "Trail Closed" notice at the bottom. The auto road was near and a sign directed us to a service station and restaurant a bit further along.

Fortunately, my purse was still dangling from my arm, so we bought food and drink, and asked where the appropriate downhill trail started.

Glacier Point is one of the loveliest spots in Yosemite National Park. Steve and Tom had From the Point, in a sweeping panorama one can see granite cliffs rising almost straight up from the valley 2,000 feet below.

> We could see across to Half Dome and into the back country of the High Sierras. There were several waterfalls, and down, way down, were the river, meadows on the floor of the valley. We couldn't spend much time in admiration, however. By road, it was 30 or 40 miles back down to the camparound. but we had no intention of asking anyone for a ride.

It was already afternoon, so after a short rest, we

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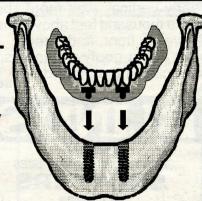
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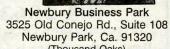
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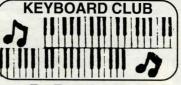
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Oh, how I wished that Steve had been old enough to drive! One boy at a time slept in the back

while I admonished the other to stay in front with me to keep me awake.

Our trip was uneventful out of the valley and down onto Hwy 99 which was not a freeway at that time. I stayed awake until we were south of Castaic, near where Magic Mountain would one day be built. I just had to stop to take a

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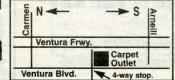
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