

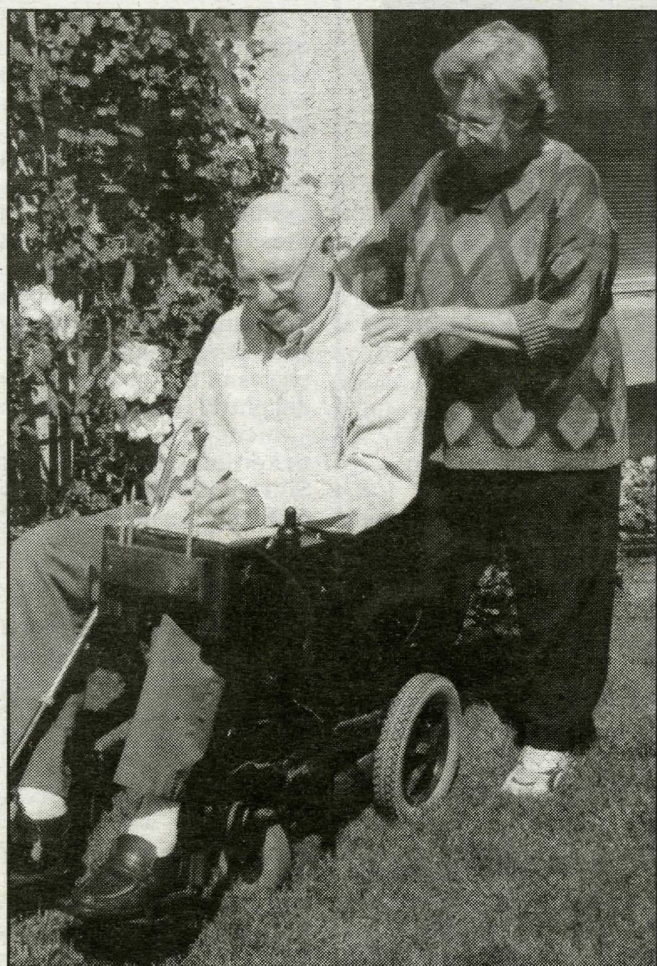
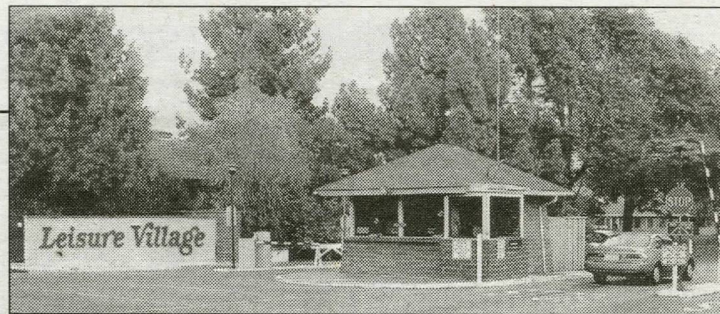
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Pleasant Valley, Camarillo, California

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Hy Golditch, shown here with his wife, Rennie, uses the portable table the Woodshop Committee made from his design.

Making wood work

By Ted Lansing

Village residents Hy and Rennie Golditch of Village 18 learned firsthand of the power of "neighbor helping neighbor" when they encountered the high-spirited

volunteerism that is an important element of the Woodshop Committee's activities.

Throughout most of his life, Hy was an accomplished artist, as

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Spring Sale is Saturday

By Gertie Dorward

Saturday, May 8, is the annual Spring Cleaning Sale. It begins at 10 a.m. and closes at 2 p.m.

The long-awaited sale is held in the Pavilion and is a shopper's paradise. Prices are always low for all the priceless treasures. Free coffee and sweets will be served in the morning, and Ernie's special hot dogs and beverages will be served free of charge in the afternoon.

Come one, come all!

Please bring along your family and friends who will be visiting you for Mother's Day. There certainly will be something for everyone — a terrific "Find" that one cannot live without and will enjoy for a long time.

Please come tomorrow and enjoy the festivities and buy great treasures.

Candidates for LV board

The Nominating Committee accepted Marge Lorraine, Arthur Katz and Harold Goldwasser as candidates for the Board of Directors election on June 24. In addition, Clair Huffman is a candidate by petition.

ILV will have interviews and biographies of the candidates in the June issue.



Unexpected neighbors are forced to move out

LV's bees and trees

By Joseph Benti

At first glance, this might be mistaken for a tray of fried chicken.

Actually, it is what's left of a honeycomb created by a swarm of wild bees that took up residence in a sprinkler valve housing behind a cul-de-sac in Village 17.

Nobody knows how long the bees had been

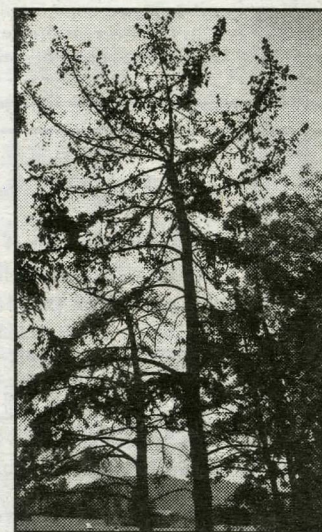
residing in the housing, but their presence was discovered Sunday morning, April 18, after the sprinklers had locked in the on position, sending hundreds of gallons of water down the street.

Security Patrol Officer Mike Began got some help controlling the swarm before he got the valve turned off.

It will be October before the Village will likely remove the two dead pine trees that can be seen on the First Fairway, behind Village 6.

General Manager Randy Watkins says, however, that if the trees pose a hazard, they will be removed sooner.

The delay is because the Village does not yet have a landscape contract for removal services. Watkins estimates each tree's removal will cost between \$450 and \$500. They will be replaced with native canopy variety trees that are more drought resistant.



Dead trees will be removed this fall, or sooner if they begin to pose a hazard.

Longtime Village resident keeps sharing

For the 17th year, as long as they've lived in Leisure Village, Ed and Ilene Evans of Village 3 have been Food Share volunteers.

They urge residents who

want to help feed the hungry to join them this Saturday, May 8, in the Letter Carrier's Food Drive.

Ed says it's easy: Just put non-perishable food items

in a bag and place it by your mailbox. Your letter carrier will do the rest, and a lot of people will be very happy you did, including you.

For those Villagers not familiar with The Ventura County Star, I feel compelled to report on an article that appeared on April 16 titled, "Homeowners associations need bigger reserves, study says,"

It goes on to state that about one-third of state homeowner associations don't have enough money in their reserves to provide for much-needed upkeep and repairs to buildings in condominium communities, a research group warned.

Robert Nordland, president of the Calabasas-based Association Reserves Inc., a company that studies such issues, said: "We have volunteer board members attempting to run multimillion-dollar real estate corporations, and they have not been good at digging into their own pockets as well as asking their neighbors for more money."

It certainly sounds familiar — defer maintenance and suffer the monetary consequences of changing "catch-up" to "caught-up," with ever increasing costs. Everybody knows it's cheaper to "keep-up" but harder to enact due to many homeowner complaints of ever-

increasing assessments.

Please keep this in mind when voting at the upcoming elections in June. Look for the candidates that want to not only "keep-up" but also want to better the current amenities. I plan on doing that and hope you,

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Deadlines for next month

The Display Advertising deadline for the June 2004 issue will be Monday, May 10, at 5 p.m. Deadline for letters, club news, stories and photos is Saturday, May 15, at 5 p.m. Publication is scheduled for June 4. Typed copy, double-spaced, should be deposited in the ILV box in the Recreation Center hallway. Handwritten material should be submitted early to allow for typing.

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The LV Saturday Night Ballroom Dance Committee is busy planning the big Saturday Night Dance Party, set for Saturday, May 29, at 7:30 p.m. Pictured here is part of the committee, from left, Roy George, Helen Scraba, Marion Tavano, Ed Krakover, Helen Judd, Jean Aird, Walter Greenberg, Jean Clements, Ted Byles, Eddie Saeta. Not shown are Bill Miller and Theresa Roark. For more on the event, see Page 3.

For those times when we think the grass is greener

(Editor's note: At the April Open Board Meeting, new resident Bob McQuivey compared life here to the condominium he left in Reno. We lack the space to include all his comments, but here are some excerpts for your information and insight into some of what's out there)

"By the end of February I made the decision to move to Leisure Village and have since sold my condominium in Reno....Although I told my Reno friends that I have relocated ... to take care of my mom ... that is not totally accurate, since my mom is quite capable of taking care of herself, in reality I also thoroughly enjoy the quality of life the Village has to offer."

McQuivey acknowledged that our association fees are \$16.35 per month higher here than in Reno, "for the same services," but offered some comparisons.

"I now have access to a well-maintained 18-hole par 3 golf course, two tennis courts, two paddle tennis courts, two ping pong tables, a pool hall and plenty of other residents who also enjoy participating in these health-promoting activities. The Village also has an exercise room and available gardening plots, neither of which were available in Reno, and both of which I enjoy using....

There is no organized bingo at the condominium in Reno, and it cost \$6 to

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Letters

ILV has obligated itself to publish letters that are not profane, inflammatory, 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 150 words. We reserve the right to edit and/or condense. Place in ILV box. Space permitting, whatever was not printed in this issue due to space limitations will be considered for the next issue.

Women's Club marks 30-year anniversary

By Eleanor Thomas

The LV Women's Club, organized 30 years ago on May 25, 1974, will celebrate its special anniversary on Wednesday, May 26, with an Ice Cream Social in the AR from 1 to 3 p.m.

Piff DeSimone, the first president, will share memories of events over the years. There will also be a program by Sid Kaminsky, who brings back radio shows of the past in a very delightful, entertaining way.

Members may receive ticket information by calling Shirley Francis at 389-3068 or Eleanor Thomas at 388-1068.

The club, which has more than 300 members, was formed to maintain a spirit of good will among women of the Village and to contribute to approved federal and state charities as well as worthwhile projects in the Village. Membership is limited to women residents. Men can enjoy associate memberships but without voting privileges.

Pioneers honored last year who are still members of the club are Helen Ayanian, Piff DeSimone, Blanche Follen, Violet Haley, Alma Locke, Marge Robinson, Rosemary Sweigert and Marion Tavano.

General meetings with entertaining programs are held on the first Thursday of the month, with the exception of July, in the AR at 1:30 p.m., followed by refreshments and a social hour.

Funds are raised through bazaars where handmade items created at the Tuesday morning workshops are sold. The large events are the Spring Fling and fall's Holiday Bazaar.

The group's fund raiser is the Trading Post, where unwanted items donated by residents are sold. Sales are

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play duplicate bridge once a week in Reno and only 50 cents for each session in the Village.

The Reno facility has no controlled access, no law enforcement security program, no woodshop, no library, no computers, no organized entertainment and only one small meeting room that could be rented by homeowners, but not used for free....

Leisure Village is truly a wonderful place to live and I feel fortunate to be one of the many residents who thoroughly enjoy the high quality of life that the Village has to offer."

(Additional editor's note: To our "Welcome, Mr. McQuivey," may we add, "Shhh-Uh. Let's keep your discoveries our little secret.")

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held on the second Thursday of the month, with the exception of December.

From 1980 to 2003, the club raised \$220,620, of which Leisure Village received \$125,134 toward projects such as 10 benches installed in 1982 and 1985, walkways in V13 and V15, automatic doors for the Rec. Center, curb signing in 2002, carts for ESO, pool umbrellas and solar heating of the spa, table saws for the woodshop, plus many more gifts over the years.

Generous donations have been given to St. John's Pleasant Valley Hospital for improvements in the emergency rooms and for other programs; Camarillo Healthcare District; Camarillo Hospice; Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurses Association; Food Share and LV Food Distribution; Braille Institute; City of Hope; Rain Project; and others.

Congratulations to the many members who have given their time and energy the past 30 years to make the Women's Club such a worthwhile organization.



From left, Ernie and Barbara Ohmstedt and Liz and Bill Byrnes join the rest of the Saturday Night Dance Committee shown on Page 2 in creating the May 8 event.

Dance Party set for May 8

By R. Carol Sweeney Zimmet

If you love the singing of Frank Sinatra, Englebert Humperdink, Bette Midler, Rod Stewart and Michael Buble (the next Frank Sinatra) and the singers of that era, and you love to dance to the music of Harry James and the big bands, then you are in for a treat.

On May 8, starting at 7:30 p.m., there will be a Saturday Night Dance Party featuring all the music you reminisce about and like to dance to.

The Saturday Night Committee, chaired by Jean Aird, recognized that there is somewhat of a generation

gap in music in the Village and that there is a need for different music for some of the residents. Barbara Ohmstedt and her Saturday Night Dance Party Committee, including her husband Ernie as well as Bill and Liz Byrnes, have developed a library of songs of the '50s and '60s, and Barbara has burned them onto CDs to have a full night of romantic music, swing, waltzes, rumbas, twist, and other dances of that era.

They tested the music on March-27 and, based on feedback of the participants,

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too, will listen to what the candidates say, but even more importantly, what they didn't say.

— Jack Prosen, V. 41

(Editor's note: For more on this subject, see the Village reserve article on Page 12.)

It's important to focus on cutting waste from our budget and reeling in our spending rather than blaming past boards and placing additional burdens on homeowners.

I can think of several ways to save money.

1. Ensure that all purchases over \$3,000 be placed back under the supervision of the Purchase Research Committee. How can we save money by giving carte blanche to the general manager? The Purchase Research Committee was set up not only to solicit bids and save the homeowners money, but it also provides a checks and balance to management. Allocating duties to the expertise of our volunteer committees makes good sense. Eliminating their duties does not.

2. Accept the offer of the Chair of the Insurance Committee by allowing him

to save us \$30,000-plus on our insurance premiums. Passing up a \$30,000 savings to the homeowners doesn't sound like a "step back" but sound reasoning.

I'm all for getting our Village in shape because this is a wonderful place to live. But I don't agree with doing it on the backs of homeowners where there are other ways to accomplish the same thing.

— Vince Freeman, V. 3

No doubt about it, there's trouble in Leisure Village, and certainly some of the blame for the deterioration of our streets and lawns should be attributed to the inaction of past Boards. But the make-up of Boards continually changes. Management, however, has been the same for the past five years.

It's a manager's responsibility to effectively run the operations of the Village, and if he sees problems, it's his job to report them to the Board. This deterioration didn't happen overnight. We also have a Superintendent of Landscape who should have seen the deterioration of the lawns and worked on solutions regularly rather than letting the condition get worse.

Management gets top dollar to continually monitor

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John Black, V. 41
Eleanor (Ellie) Berger, V. 5
Nancy (Louise) Dandino, V. 6
Edith Neiss, V. 39
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Don Reed, V. 40
Eleanor Kramer Faulkner, V. 25
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Vava Nelson, V. 26
Betty Walker, V. 25
Ted Campbell, V. 22

Please call Flo Doctrow at 389-8964 for memoriams.

55 Alive offered May 20, 21

The next class of 55 Alive will be offered on May 20 and 21 from 1 to 5 p.m. in the MPR.

This class is brought to Leisure Village for the benefit of licensed drivers who are residents of Leisure Village who want to continue

safe driving. Participants are also entitled to a discount on automobile insurance according to California law, and it will be helpful to people who are expecting to take a written test for driver's license renewal, which is required by all drivers 70

and older.

The cost is \$10 per person, and you must be pre-registered and pre-paid by check

For more information or to pay and register call Naomi Balour at 987-9851 or Ruth Miller at 987-8162.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to all our friends who called and sent cards during my recent hospital stay for heart problems. Your thoughtfulness and concern is so very much appreciated by Fran and me.

— Irv Cohen, V. 41

Robert joins me in saying a heartfelt thanks to all of our dear friends — actually extended family here in Leisure Village — who so

thoughtfully sustained me through my lengthy illness and multiple surgeries. I know your phone calls, cards, tributes and good wishes worked really well because I am so happy to report that I am feeling truly great, better than I have in years.

This is such a lovely place to live; we have made such dear, warm friends. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

— Ruth Nathan, V. 44

Thanks so very much to my Leisure Village friends for all the calls, cards, candy, flowers and visits. Words cannot express how much your caring helped to lighten a couple of bad-health months for me. A special thank-you to the Billiard Club and the Line Dance group.

— Aleta P. Trogon, V. 30

SUPPORT GROUPS

Caregivers Support Group meets on the first Friday of the month at 1 p.m. in the Lanai Room.

Jim Sheldon, our facilitator from the Camarillo Healthcare District, will discuss dealing with dementia, Alzheimer's strokes, Parkinson's and others. For information, call Jean Aird at 482-6660.

Lanai or Sun Room. We talk about our loved ones and also about ourselves, now that we are alone. We are a good group, we support each other. For information, call Jean Aird at 482-6660.

The Bereavement Support Group meets every Thursday at 11 a.m. in the

Rosary Group meets Fridays

By Marie Mack

To anyone interested in joining our Rosary Group:

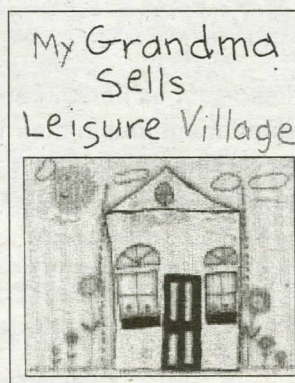
We meet every Friday morning at 11 a.m., except the first Friday, in the home of Maxine Fritz. For more information, please contact Marie Mack at 484-9677.

TIKVAH

The Tikvah Group will meet on Friday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m. at Ner Ami, 4098 Calle Tesoro, Camarillo, and on the third Friday evening of each month thereafter. All are welcome. For information please call Selma Lich at 484-8129 or Jean Aird at 482-6660.



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and maintain the Village in an effective and efficient manner, and they should not allow unsatisfactory conditions to get out of control before taking corrective measures. Maintaining the Village is an ongoing matter.
— Ed Evans, V. 3

The previous Board told us it was perfectly legal for the Board to use up the catastrophic reserve funds of more than \$325,000 that a previous board set aside for a rainy day and to use those funds to defray insurance costs, which it did. The Board also told us that the law doesn't allow for a reserve fund to accumulate for future events.

This Board tells us that it's OK for homeowners to fork out \$655 a year per residence to pay for future maintenance. Which story are we to believe?

— Norm Selbert, V. 3

Leisure Village is a first-rate retirement spot. The tranquility and beauty we enjoy here couldn't be finer to me were I walking the trail of a National Park. And topping that advantage, one would have to be living near an emergency hospital to be as secure in an urgent health problem and, further, a school would have to be directly next door, to be any nearer to that venture.

Living here within these serene surroundings is a frivolous jaunt for my pups and I. Last summer I acquired a trike-bike and a

number of us have followed that path. Doing a daily bike-break, for me, brought an extremely high, long-lived, cholesterol problem down to normal. So, you will see tricyclers tooling around the Villages enjoying God's rural community, while getting that much-needed exercise in our open space.

It only goes to show that living in the Village, we don't have to be next to a circus to see the fun side in everything, when it is right here in our own surroundings.

Someone wrote that we are lucky being here, but luck is an understatement although, I can't think of another expression that can better portray our vicinity.

— Lynn Oberman, V. 1

THEFT

By Bobbie Comer

Over the Easter Holiday Weekend, the Harmon Kardon Amplifier and the

remote, plus two of the speakers from the rear of the Annex Social Room, were discovered missing. The Single Active Seniors helped purchase this equipment to make Movie Nights

more audible for those in attendance. Any information would be appreciated to assist in recovering this equipment. Please notify Security or Rec Center personnel.

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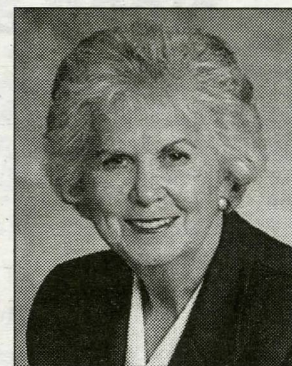
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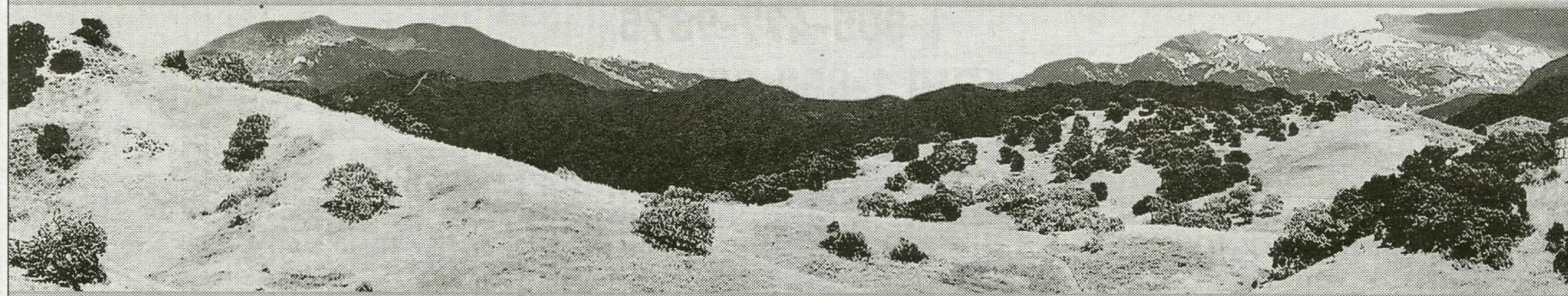


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CLASSIC FILMS

Comedies light screen this month

By Bob Koster

By now we have all thrilled to the exquisite swordplay of Tyrone Power, Basil Rathbone, Errol Flynn and, yes, even Danny Kaye.

How lucky we are to be able to see these living records of actors and actresses long past. It wasn't so terribly long ago that we did not have that privilege. Performances by Joseph Jefferson and Edwin Booth will never be enjoyed by anyone. These famous actors left us before the advent of the visual recording media. But we can still laugh at the antics of Mack Sennett and the unabashed masculinity of Francis X. Bushman, the glamour of Theda Bara, the innocent grace of Mary Pickford. We have the record of their art, and we, and our children, can enjoy it like the original audiences did nearly a century ago.

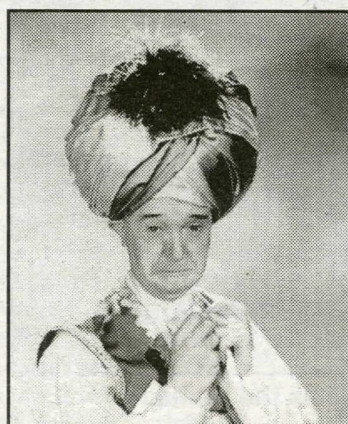
(Trivium: Which actor or actress had the longest career on screen? Another trivium: what is the derivation of the word "Trivium?")

On May 9 we will have another treat. In honor of Mother's Day, we will see a group of comedy short subjects. They're silents, early one- and two-reelers, including but not limited to works by Charles Spencer ("Charlie") Chaplin, Arthur Stanley Jefferson and Oliver Norvell Hardy (Laurel and Hardy, known in their time as "The Boys"), Roscoe Conkling ("Fatty") Arbuckle, Joseph Francis ("Buster") Keaton, and others.

These films were made in the days when it was possible to make a short comedy poking fun at the local police without fear that the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association was going to picket your theatre. Or you could show what blow-hards the politicians were without fear of having your income



Oliver Hardy



Stan Laurel

tax targeted for investigation. The movies were just plain fun. They were fun to watch and they were fun to make, and the audience could easily see what fun the actors were having whilst making the shows.

In response to a number of requests, on June 13 we will show a Deanna Durbin picture. We showed this once before, several years ago. "Spring Parade" starred Deanna Durbin, Robert Cummings, Szoke ("Cuddles") Sakall, Anne Gwynne, and our own Peggy Moran, who at the time was not yet Mrs. Koster.

We always show historical footage as a kind of addendum after the break. This evening we will show the only two short subjects Deanna Durbin ever made: "Every Sunday" and "Gems of Music." The former was



Charlie Chaplin

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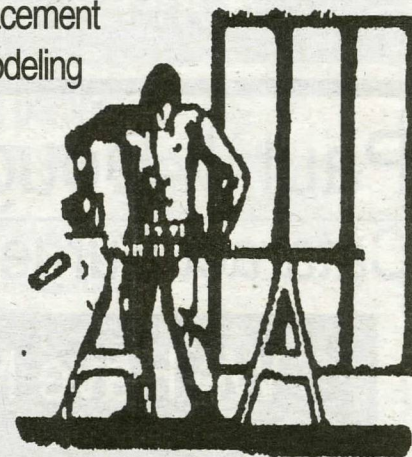
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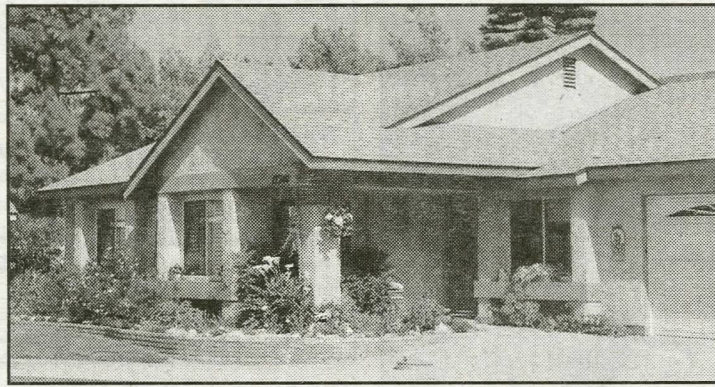
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Architectural modifications enhance LV

By Bobbie Comer

When Jackie Scott decided to leave her Culver City home with its large flower gardens she had tended for 50 years, it was to be closer to her daughter in Ventura. Discovering Leisure Village made the transition much easier.

What attracted Jackie to our Village was our large open green belts, trees and mountain views. She narrowed her search to a house where she could continue her love of gardening and found an Amalfi at the end of a cul-de-sac in Village 17. It backed onto the golf course, offering her a wide



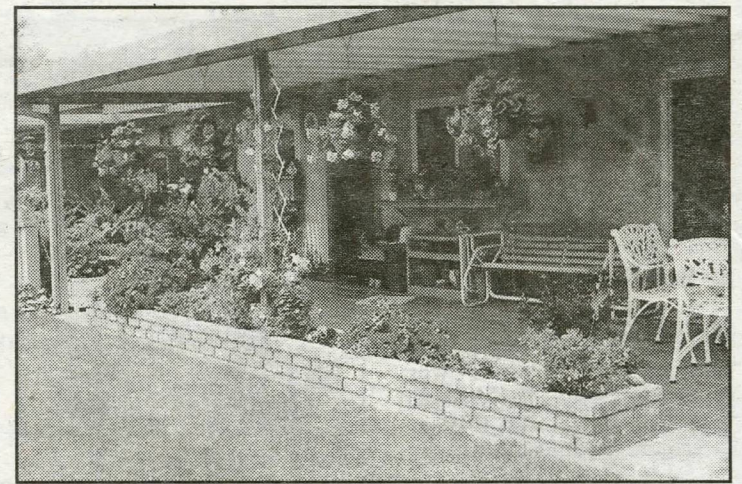
Expanded brick paving beautifies the home.

open space in the rear. But the front of the house was going to be a challenge. There was a very narrow sloped area with rather sparse brown grass, a short driveway and an inadequate entry walkway to the front door.

Her answer was to have her entry expanded with brick paving from her front door to the driveway and sidewalk. A raised brick

planter with a six-inch mowing strip at its base encircled her front and side yards to the back patio. The scraggly lawn area was eliminated and the slope was then contained with the raised planter, allowing for more comfortable gardening which she willingly does by herself.

Jackie removed the old wooden fence in the rear and had a low raised brick



Raised planters help the owner garden with ease.

planter built on her patio that allows the golf course to become a part of her garden view. Many other architectural improvements enhanced her location, such as new retrofit almond framed windows, new oak and glass front and back doors, new almond garage

door, all done with approved landscape and architectural permits.

This residence is an improved asset to Leisure Village and certainly a house to drive by at 17240 to appreciate the beautiful and practical changes she has made.

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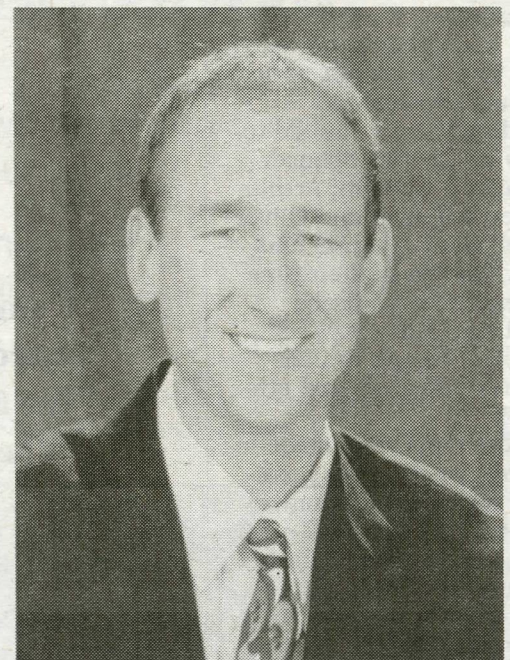
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CONTINUATIONS

WOOD

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the walls in the Golditch home can attest.

That all changed abruptly some 14 years ago when Hy suffered a massive stroke that left him severely paralyzed on his right side. The physical trauma was magnified by the fact that until the stroke, Hy had been right-handed.

As a testament to his determination, Hy retrained himself to achieve remarkable sketching ability as a left-hander. However, he still faced severe physical limitations that were now part of the reality of his life in the wake of the event.

Despite all those limitations, Hy worked on an idea, one he brought to the Woodshop Committee at one of its weekly "Open Shops."

The idea was contained in a sketch Hy made of a lap-table that he imagined. Could the workshop turn that idea into a reality? If it could, he could strap the "table" to his leg as he navigated his electric wheelchair around the Village, doing pencil sketches of the trees, flowers and buildings.

Hy Golditch's idea was so well conceived, so clearly sketched, that the woodworkers were indeed able to transform it into the lap

table that Hy now uses whenever he wishes. In addition to easing his artistic efforts, the neighborly collaboration provides him with what may be the most critical element in the practice of his art, greater accessibility.

Not all the jobs that are brought to the Woodshop are so well thought out or as important in the lives of those who bring them in. Some often bring considerable amusement. Some residents sometimes forget that it is, after all, a woodshop, and bring in such things as a radio or a vegetable steamer for "repair."

But, when it comes to wood, the "woodworkers" pride themselves on the likelihood that they probably can do just about anything, from bringing a sketch to life to fixing a table leg.

The shop also does projects for the Village in general, not just for individual residents. The exotic sundial in the pool area is one such woodshop project, as are the new trophy cases made for the Golf League, and the new plaque for the League's trophy plates.

The Committee's free-of-charge "Open Shop" is held every Wednesday morning from 10 a.m. to noon at the Wood Shop in the main Recreation Center.

and plan their Saturday night around the event. Sit around the round tables and reminisce with your friends about the music, where you can relate to the music, understand the words and not feel embarrassed by the content.

Barbara has not limited herself to the standards. She has the latest Rod Stewart and Harry Connick, Jr. CDs in her collection. Plan for a night of dancing, socializing and fun. If you happen to miss the event, watch Channel 25 or call Barbara for the next Saturday Night Dance Party planned.

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have refined the selection. In addition, since many people have requested that the dances start at 7:30 p.m. instead of 8 p.m., they are scheduling this event to start at 7:30. The committee is encouraging the people who love the songs of Sinatra and his era to come on May 8 and enjoy the new format. If successful, it will be a monthly or every-other week event.

The committee encourages groups to get together

Democratic Club meets on Thursdays

By Kate McDermott

The Democratic Club of Camarillo meets the first Thursday of each month at the Camarillo Library at 7 p.m. Ferial Masry, Democratic candidate for the 37th Assembly District, will speak at the June 3 meeting.

At the May 6 meeting,

Camarillo City Manager Jerry Bankston shared his experiences with Wal-Mart and their desire to set up a store in a former community.

Saturday evening, May 15, the club plans a pizza fund-raiser. Call 987-1846 for details.

On May 22, the club will have a table at the

Lions Club Community Flea Market at Constitution Park. Donations of salable items is appreciated. Louise Bockall at 388-1156 and Sylvia Ginsling at 482-0770 are collecting in the Village.

Ken Bash at 987-3336 is heading up John Kerry's presidential campaign in Camarillo.

FILMS

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the first screen appearance by Deanna. She co-starred with another young singer in MGM's stable of stars, Frances Gumm. Ms. Gumm would later change her name to Judy Garland. Anyway, "Gumm" was a much harder word to chew on.

The story goes: At Universal, the management was searching for a way out of their financial straits. Joe Pasternak, the producer, and Henry Koster (formerly of Village 3) were given a very low-budget film to make, an original story by Koster called "Three Smart Girls." There ensued a nationwide search for the main girl. Dad and Joe watched "Every Sunday" and right away knew that Deanna Durbin was just right for the part.

At the same time, serendipitously, Louis B. Mayer, whose MGM had produced "Every Sunday," saw the short musical film, was not very impressed, and decided to get rid of one of the girls. Legend has it that he told his assistant, "Fire the fat one!" meaning Judy Garland. To the assistant's untrained eye, Deanna was fatter than Judy, so she was cut loose, and Universal snapped up her contract. The rest is history.

In 1938 Deanna Durbin was the highest paid female in the United States. In 1939 she was given a miniature-sized Academy Award Oscar statuette, along with Mickey Rooney (real name: Joe Yule). She virtually sin-

glehandedly pulled Universal out of bankruptcy. Her nickname on the lot was "Deanna, the mortgage-saver." Her career lasted until 1948 when she married the French director Charles David. A stipulation of the marriage was that Deanna not have to appear in public professionally ever again, and she would give no more interviews or sing in public. A pity, really, as you will see when her angelic voice is once again heard in the hallowed halls of the AR.

"Spring Parade" was written by Felix Jackson, formerly of Leisure Village. He and Dad had worked together back in Germany in 1930 on a famous movie called "Funf Von Der Jazz Band" ("Five from the Jazz Band"). Dad helped sponsor him over here, as he did so many other artists and per-

formers before the war, and Felix did wonderful things during his American career. He wrote, amongst other things, the screenplay for "Destry Rides Again," the Jimmy Stewart version. And he was the executive producer of Studio One, a seminal TV dramatic show. He discovered such towering talents as Rod Serling ("The Twilight Zone") and gave them their first chance.

As always, the screenings for Leisure Village Classic Films are free. The popcorn is free. The punch is free. The coffee is free. We tried to charge a rental fee for chairs, but the homeowners association wouldn't allow it. The headsets for hearing-impaired people are free. The showings are the second Sunday of each month at 7 p.m. in the AR.

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Should woman's boyfriend move in?

Dear Lucy: I am a widow and a senior living in LV. I have been going steady with Joe from outside the Village for the past three years. We get along very well and enjoy all the same things. Now Joe wants to move into my house. My children object; I'm for it. What should I do?

— Mary

Dear Mary: It is not uncommon for adult children to resist when their widowed parent starts a new life. I will make no effort to give you advice, but I would like to provide you with a variety of ways to view this situation.

Adult children who lose a parent frequently spend a long time grieving the loss. Having someone else come in and, in some ways, take the place of their father takes a lot of adjustment and can cause much pain.

Also, any overly demonstrative display of affection might be a real turn-off for them. Many adult children don't view their parents as sexual beings. Any overt affection display with Joe may really upset them.

Also, they may not trust Joe. They need to know how your finances will be handled since adult children take on a protective role, especially with their widowed mother.

Do you and Joe plan on marrying or living together? Your children may have young children and they may be concerned about the moral issues when they bring their children to visit.

Your letter seems to indicate that you and Joe are ready to make some sort of commitment, but have you ever gone away together?

Breathe better, live better

By Lorraine Comer

After the initial response for the Better Living Thru Better Breathing program, the first session and following sessions will be held in the Garden Room the second Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. starting in



You get to know each other when you wake up first thing in the morning and see each other at what is probably the worst view of the day and then have to share the bathroom. Dating and having fun is easy; day-to-day life often has challenges.

Joe's moving in with you means he is giving up his home or apartment. Have you talked about what will happen if this doesn't work?

Finally, if your children are still resisting and if you feel that you've covered all the bases, perhaps it is time to see a counselor or therapist with them. However, the bottom line is that you and Joe need to be the ones making the decision.

Dear Readers: Last month I wrote about a woman who had recently moved in the Village and was lonely. I received the following response:

"In response to your lonely person who moved in six months ago, I would suggest that she come to the meeting of the Garden Club on the third Thursday of each month. They are a great group of ladies with an

interesting topic being presented each month. Hope this is of some help."

I want to thank to the person who took the time to write to invite this person to the Garden Club.

Please write if you have any other recommendations for this person or any questions that you want me to investigate. This column is devoted to you.

— Lucy

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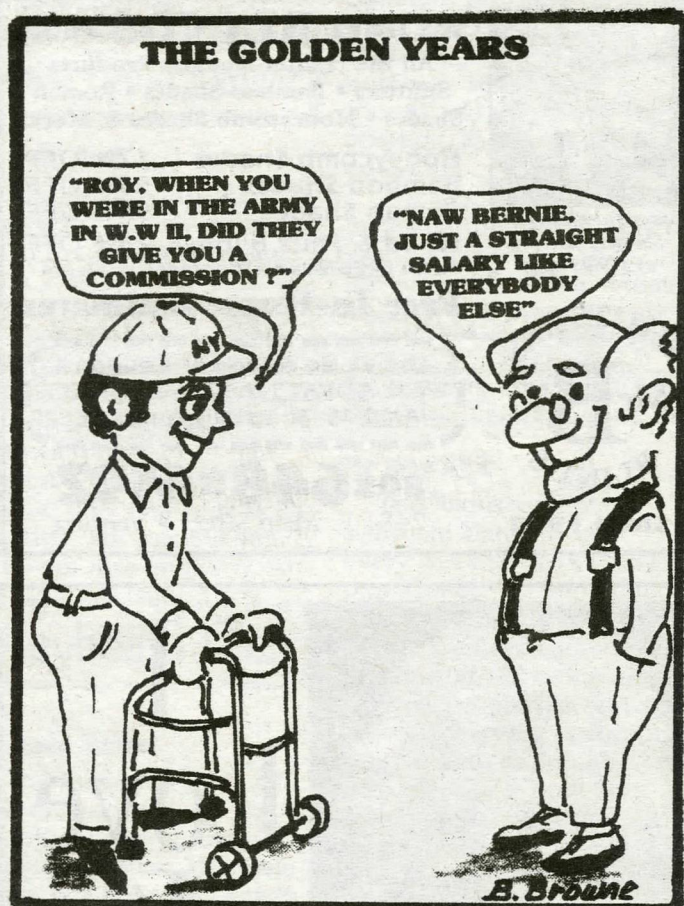
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LV resident Bob Browne draws these cartoons for ILV.

At 125 percent, LV reserve well-funded

By Joseph Benti

When it comes to setting aside money for a rainy day, Leisure Village appears to be far ahead of many of the roughly 36,000 private homeowners associations in California.

Currently, the approximately \$8.5 million budget for fiscal year 2004/2005 allocates some \$762,000 for the reserve fund, which now stands at roughly \$2.6 million. That means that Leisure Village's reserve is 125 percent funded.

By comparison, according to a report in the April 16 Ventura County Star, "reserves for communities more than 21 years old ... are typically about 40 percent funded. Experts recommend at least 70 percent and many prefer 100 percent."

Writer David Montero said that means that one-third of the private home-

owner associations in California "don't have enough money in their reserve funds to provide for much-needed upkeep and repairs to buildings" and other costs likely to occur in the future.

Pat Busch, Chair of the Finance Committee, tells Inside Leisure Village that he and the committee think that the current 125 percent is a prudent level of reserve.

The committee, composed of volunteers, provides a backstop of financial analysis and advice, available to the Association Board if and when it wants to use it. However, as Busch notes, the board does not have to abide by any of its recommendations.

The matter of reserve funds and the business of the Village is of heightened interest now because of the coming election on June 24.

That's when homeowners vote for two members to replace Board Chair Jack Prosen, who is stepping down, and for the seat of current member Clair Huffman, who has announced that he would like to be re-elected.

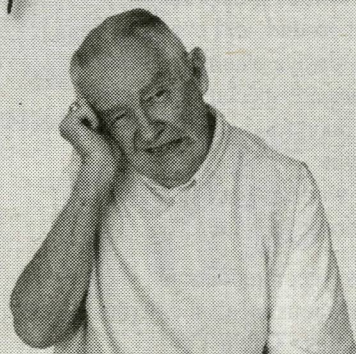
The Nominating Committee has accepted Marge Lorraine, Arthur Katz and Harold Goldwasser as candidates for the board.

How the candidates think about finances and budgeting are likely a major element in the voters' choices for the two seats.

Readers may recall that in last month's issue of Inside Leisure Village, we asked the current board members what qualities they think voters should be looking for in new members of the board. There was unanimous agreement that the most important qualities

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Denture dilemma?

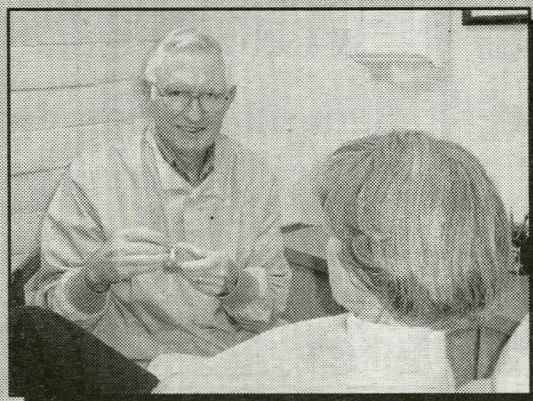


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ODDS AND ENDS

No question: It is us

By Ted Lansing

Years ago, the cartoon character Pogo declared, "We have met the enemy, and it is us!" Nowhere is that more evident than in the day-to-day business of Leisure Village. And make no mistake, it is a business, a big one. In fact, this year the Village will spend more than \$8 million.

When you are that big, you are bound to have enemies. Too often, those enemies can be seen when we look in the mirror. They are you and me, often better known as "them" and "they." They are the ones we hear about in expressions like, "They are doing such and such," or, "We should do something about them," etc. Most often, the they and the them are elected members of the Association's Board of Directors, the administrators and employees of the Association, and, usually, anybody who is doing something we don't agree with, and always to "us."

Many who buy a home here are under the impression that, "They will take care of everything." (Another "they" to be disposed of.) Active participation in the community's business usually is not on their agendas. The fallacy is that "they" do not, can not, and will not, "take care of everything." The less participation by members, the less will get done, or not get

done, thoroughly and properly. Unless restricted by health or because of some deep personal conflict, participation is the only means by which this community can flourish.

There is a constant need for committee members, both in services such as Finance, Architectural Control, Buildings and Grounds, and in those items that are best categorized as Health and Well Being. These might include Fitness, Computers, Arts, Music and so on. They are very rewarding and important parts of the community.

Once again, we hear the annual plea for candidates to run for election to the Board of Directors. This is vital involvement in the community because it is the Board members who must do "our" work, operate "our" business. If few, or the unqualified, participate, then we have the paradoxical enemy, "us" and the structure of community is endangered.

Having been involved in the operation of other associations where I have lived in the past — associations that dealt with many of the issues and problems as we face here — it is a never-ending struggle to get property owners to distinguish the fact that they and them are really us.

Once we get that into our

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any board member should possess are financial and business management experience.

Regardless of those sentiments, however, as in all politics, there are no intellectual or values requirements for candidates for election. Any homeowner can run, regardless of his or her abundance or lack of

experience. Each voter has the power to decide what qualities are or are not important.

For what it is worth, it is harder to get on the Finance Committee. Candidates who volunteer to join that group really do have to know which end of a budget is up or down.

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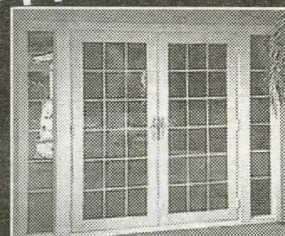
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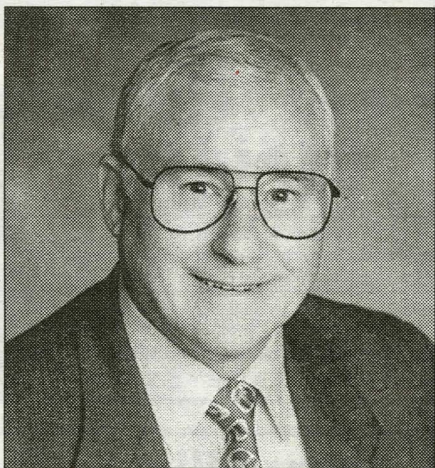
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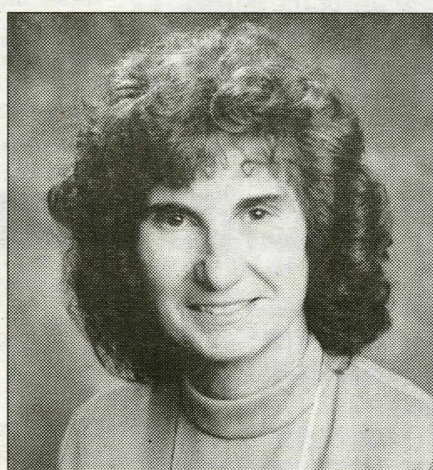
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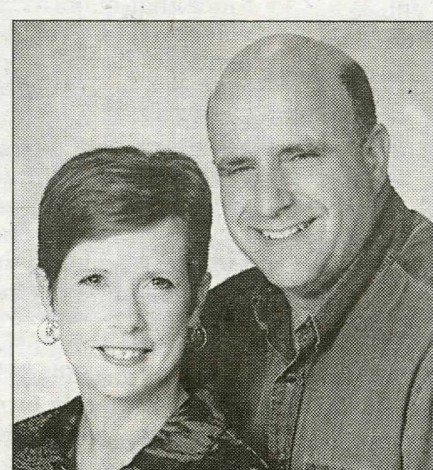
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CLUB NEWS

L.V. Exercise Group

By Milt Mankoff

Paid-up members of the Leisure Village Exercise Group will enjoy the Annual Members-Only Breakfast at the Pool Pavilion on Friday, May 28. Annual dues of \$3 are being collected now. Only those members who have paid their dues will be

eligible to participate. Bagels, cream cheese, muffins, coffee and tea will be served. Dues can be paid at morning exercises.

June 25 is set for the Gala Picnic Dinner. This annual event features a full catered dinner as well as games and many valuable prizes. The cost is only \$12 and seating is limited. Complete tables of 12 may be arranged. Submit lists

now to Shiphrah Maller. Individual reservations will be assigned seats on a first-come basis.

Leisure Village Exercise Group is at the Pool Pavilion each Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 9 a.m. All residents are welcome to join and make new friends. Good health and exercise go together.

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heads, we can begin really to take care of our own business more effectively. In the process, we will improve every aspect of our lives in Leisure Village.

The entity known as the Leisure Village Association owns, severally and collectively, millions of dollars worth of real property. It spends millions every year operating, maintaining and preserving those assets. It pays taxes and has many employees. It behooves all property owners in the Village to understand the real significance of the business they are in, simply by buying into the Village.

Once that mental leap occurs, we then can appreciate the responsibilities and obligations facing all who have a property interest in the Village. That is, "us." It then follows that, if the business is not faring well, the responsible party (parties) is "us." And the enemy is clearly in our sights.

From there, all of us can participate in meaningful discussions about the ills facing the Village, real or imagined, and their possible solutions.

As with all self-government, the primary issue on most agendas, most of the time, is how our money is being and will be spent, money we provide through our Association fees.

If the Board spends money, we can assume it is with good reason and, usually, after lengthy discussion. It is not reasonable to believe that such expendi-

tures are the result of random choice. The reason must then be examined for reasonableness. To my knowledge, no one has identified any expenditure over the past several years that was blatantly improper.

There have been questions about maintenance, some claiming that it was improperly delayed and, as a result, assets, such as streets, have badly deteriorated. Some Villages bear evidence to support that claim: Their streets are in poor condition. However, when questioning the reason for it, we learn that past Board decisions to delay maintenance were the result of an honest desire by a majority to keep fees low. Since that majority was composed of elected board members, it was a policy that the owners (voters) approved of. Which means, whether or not any single resident did or did not vote, "we" got what we deserved, we know who the enemy is. And, we also learn that there is only one real solution: "us."

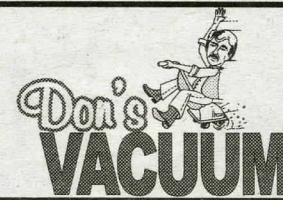
No matter what happened in the Village in the past, it is merely prologue, the events that brought us this far. Now, it is up to us to decide what's next. We face some tough questions: Do we want deterioration to continue? Do we want to allow property values to be damaged? And do we want to accept a reduction in the quality of life we have come to expect from our Village?

The clearest way to take on today's enemy, us, is to act now, without regard to the mistakes of the past.

We have to decide if we want to "bite the bullet." If

that means that an assessment must be levied to make it possible to take the needed actions, then that is the action that must be taken, not by them or they, but by us, through the Board we have elected. If those actions are not taken, the Association will be derelict in its fiduciary duties to the owners of the Association's property, us.

Involvement in the operational part of the community is vital to its continued ability to maintaining the Village business in good condition. Involvement in the other activities described above (and many others not listed due to space availability) will enhance the health and quality of life of the participant. Look in the front of the Village Telephone Book for more detailed information on available activities.



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Live Band Dance

By Jean Aird

The Leisure Live Band Dance will be held on May 29 in the Assembly Room from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. We have a great orchestra, Tunes-R-Us. Refreshments, BYOB bottle. There is a \$5 donation. Tickets are on sale on Mondays and Fridays from 9 to 11 a.m. and on Wednesdays from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Get your tables together. For information, call Jean Aird at 482-6660.

Keyboard Club

By Joyce Turner

The Keyboard Club will present a concert on May 21 at 1:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room. All music lovers will enjoy the enter-

tainment provided by artists who play selections from classical, jazz and popular numbers. Invite your friends and neighbors. In addition, the Jazz Girls will entertain.

The Keyboard Club meets on the third Friday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room. Artists are happy to play requests.

Saturday Night Dance

By Jean Aird

The Saturday Night Ballroom Dance is held every week from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Coffee, tea and punch are served. Bring your own bottle. We have some new music. You will enjoy meeting new people and dancing to fox trots, tangos, rumba, samba, waltzes and line dancing. Fee is only 50 cents per couple. Don't sit home, come and join us! For information, call Jean Aird at 482-6660.

Duplicate Bridge

By Edie Pederson

Duplicate bridge games are held on Monday and Thursday. Sign-in begins at 12:30 p.m., and the games begin at 1 p.m. The fee is 50 cents. Bring a partner. Monetary prizes are awarded. For more information, call Edie at 484-0323 or Clara at 388-2166.

Woodshop

By Sid Alweiss

Among the various items repaired by our highly competent woodworkers were several display cases for the Mens Golf Club trophies. Repairs were also made on the Bocce Ball notice case.

A note to all using the woodshop: When members

of the committee are present, they are there to see that all machines are being used correctly and safely. Also, please clean up when finished. For information, call Sid Alweiss at 482-5341.

Rhythmette Club

By Jean Aird

The Rhythmettes meet every Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the Assembly Room. Come join us and have a lot of fun. We need more people so that we can entertain those who are less fortunate than us. For information, call Jean at 482-6660.

Single Active Seniors

By Joni Neckerman

Former CBS anchorman Joseph Benti will make his first group appearance in Leisure Village on May 11

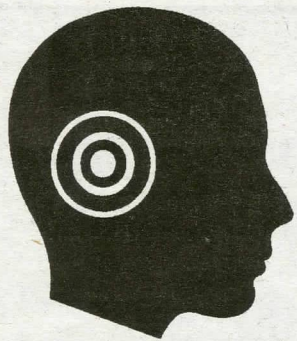
when he meets with Single Active Seniors in the MPR. He will moderate a discussion of topics chosen by the audience at the 7 p.m. event.

A Village resident since last July, he headed "The CBS Morning News with Joseph Benti," which was the first regular hour-long news broadcast in network television history. He also served as a newspaper columnist, teacher and television producer, winning several Los Angeles Emmy awards and a Golden Mike.

The SAS movie night presentation in the Social Annex on May 18 will be "Mona Lisa Smile." The entertaining film stars Julia Roberts as a teacher at Wellesley who attempts to install feminism on the Wellesley campus in 1953 before the word was widely in use.

Also on the agenda is Game Night in the Annex

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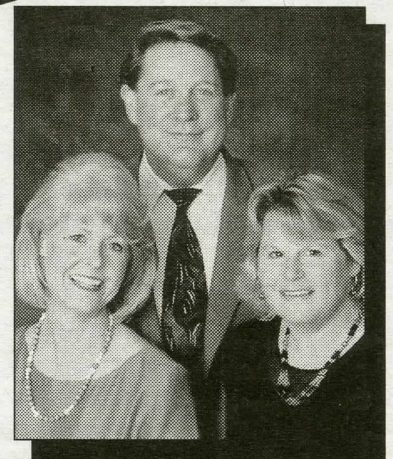


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on May 25, with poker and mahjong players invited to join in along with the dedicated Manipulation players. The regular News and Views discussion returns to the MPR on June 1.

SAS invites all single residents to its programs each Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Information on current meetings is available on Village bulletin boards and Channel 25 or by calling Zelda Greentree, president, at 389-9694.

Veterans Club

By Martin Alfred

The next meeting of the Veterans Club will be on Thursday, May 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. Our guest speaker will be Jim Edwards, who was a member of the British Army during World War II. He will bring us some new insights on the war and what was happening in England. It promises to be a very interesting evening.

Everyone is invited. There are no membership dues; just bring your friendly smile. Refreshments are served.

For information, call Martin Alfred, 389-1610.

L.V. Bowling League

By Sue Davanzo

Leisure Village's bowling season is coming to a close, but anyone interested in bowling during the summer should check for times and leagues available at Harley's Camarillo Bowl. Teams are forming now.

Joe Kremer's Tournament for the second half of the fall season, as usual, was a great success. The winners were Les Galvin, Bill Fox, Fusako Downey, Lucy Fiore and Gloria Page. Congratulations to all of you!

I believe we have had a lot of outstanding bowling this year. Among those for the second half, High Games Scratch, Les Galvin

253, Harry Lampert 243, Harold Brodsky 235, Lloyd Snider 235, Irv Cohen 234, (Get well, Irv!) Richard Downey 231 and Stan Feldman 225.

Also Men's High Series Scratch, Richard Downey 643 and Les Galvin 634.

Ladies High Games Scratch, Fusako Downey 195, Mariam Laird 192, Irene Garry 192.

Outstanding High Series Scratch, Fusako Downey 522, Mariam Laird 517, Irene Garry 512.

These guys and gals are good! Congratulations!

Don't forget the Awards Luncheon on May 7 at noon in the AR!

Drama Guild

By Cathy Friedman

The Drama Club meets every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the Garden Room. Our instructor is John Bravos.

We have a great group of people. They are all fun to be with and have made a difference in all our lives. We have all gained confidence in ourselves since we joined the Drama Club. We do not hesitate to get up in front of people and do our bit, whether it is reading Shakespeare, a poem or a joke. We all enjoy the opportunity to perform. I guess you could say we are a bunch of hams!

You too can be a ham! Join the club and have fun. Hope to see you at our next meeting.

L.V. Chorale

By Elise Perlmutter

It's May, but be prepared to come to our Spring Concert on Friday, June 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room.


The "Musical Memories" program will be a bit of Americana songs that will certainly bring back a lot of memories. We hope to see you there. Look for more information on Channel 25.

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are looking for all ranges of voices to join our Leisure Village Chorale. We meet every Monday from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room, except for three months during the summer. We hope you will give us a try. For more information, call 484-2492.

Garden Club

By Naomi Balfour

The Garden Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room. Light refreshments are first, along with time for socializing. The business meeting is at 10 a.m., followed by a very informative program by Dan Condon, an arborist from Santa Barbara who will discuss the importance of trees and their contribution to our well being. Afterwards he will answer questions.

Annual dues are still being collected, and members may pick up the roster for 2004. The schedule for future programs and meetings will also be available.

L.V. Mens Golf Association

By Mannie Abbate

Come to the meetings on the second Tuesday of every month at 2 p.m.

At the April meeting, the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Bob Hinkel; First Vice President, Bud Miller; Second Vice President, Jack Kirkland; Secretary, Ernie "Alex" Alexander; and Treasurer, Bob Zaas. Jack Kirkland prepared a special libation for this event.

The new officers will be sworn in at the June 16 Installation and Awards Luncheon. Mark your calendars to attend this event. Tickets are on sale at the First Tee. You can also watch for the beautiful signs on the bulletin boards or call Jack Kirkland for information. This will be a won-

derful opportunity to get involved in the planning for this new 30th year of the LVMGA.

If you haven't paid your \$10 dues yet, you won't be listed in the 2004-2005 Handbook & Roster, so put your check in the brown box at the course or call Ted Rose at 987-5090.

Bud Miller, Chairman of the 30th anniversary celebration committee, is preparing programs for a gala series of events. You can help by calling Bud at 482-1436. He has plans for some special ways to win prizes without having to use your own money.

We are planning our second Solvang overnight on September 29 and 30. We will have dinner on Sept. 29 at a local restaurant for all who want to attend, the tournament at the River Course at Alisal on Sept. 30, and dinner at the Royal Scandinavian Hotel in the evening. If you haven't called the Royal Scandinavian to reserve your room yet, you may lose out on the good deal we have negotiated for choice rooms at reasonable prices. More complete information can be obtained by calling Mannie Abbate at 482-0642.

Jack Kirkland is working overtime preparing interesting events for our meetings, our joint parties with the LVWGA and the social aspects of the numerous tournaments we have on our LV Course and in conjunction with our regulation tournaments. All of us should support him by attending the functions and participating. A word of appreciation to Jack might be a nice thing for you to do, too.

The Presidents Cup Tournament was held on Tuesday, May 4, and will continue on May 11. Names of the winners will be on the bulletin board. There will not be a 19th Hole Party in May due to the Memorial Day Weekend. Let's remember the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Concerned Homeowners

By Ed Olson

The Leisure Village Concerned Homeowners Club met on Thursday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Multi-purpose Room. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the subject of outside management for the Village in terms of what a management company is, what it does, and how one might fit the needs of Leisure Village.

The president, the general manager and the director of accounting of a management company in Westlake Village presented a discussion of the stated purpose of the meeting. The large group in attendance participated in a question-and-answer period.

The next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sun Room. The speaker to be announced on Channel 25, on the Recreation Center bulletin board, and by our calling committee.

All residents are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Solo Club

By Cleo Cooney

The Solo Club May Dine Out will be held at Sportsman Restaurant on Thursday, May 13, at 5 p.m.

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Entree choices are top sirloin, salmon or teriyaki chicken. The price is \$12, not including coffee or any other drinks. Please indicate your choice on your check. Contact Doris Walton at 484-4092 for more information.

The Brown Bag meeting will be held on Friday, May 14, at 12:30 p.m. Please bring your own lunch and join us for our business meeting and, afterward, cards and games.

Weight Control

By Connie Santangelo

Do you want to lose some weight? Come join our club on Tuesday mornings in the Garden Room. You supply the motivation, we supply the incentives and awards. Our dues are only \$1 per month. For more information, call Connie Santangelo at 484-7463, or Doris La Prell at 987-6393.

Computer Club

By Ben Perry

The Computer Club continues to have its classes on Window XP. A new class is in the works for novice computer users. When a schedule and a complete program is established, an announcement will be made on Channel 25 for the day of the week and time. It will probably be at 1 p.m. on a Thursday. The full course will be about 12 weeks, as a one-hour session with practice after class. The instructor might be Ben Perry. Of course, the requirement for the student will be that they be a member of the Computer Club and must have their own computer at home.

Well over 300 Villagers have learned how to use their computers by attending the various classes given by the club.

At the May 28 meeting of the club, there will be a presentation by Carey Holzman, a member of the

Phoenix Computer Users Group who hosts his own weekly Internet-based computer talk show. Mr. Holzman will hold a general question-and-answer session following his presentation. He suggests that you bring your computer questions.

Sing-a-long Group

By Jules Nayfack

If you are feeling low or down and out, come to our sing-a-long — we'll cheer you up. We are very happy to see new people coming to our song sessions. We use a different book of songs at each get-together so we are not always singing the same songs. If you want to sing, great. If you don't want to sing, but just want to have fun, you'll fit in just fine.

Whether you are a new move-in or longtime resident, you are all welcome and so are your guests. Our next two meetings are May 31 and June 14 in the A.R. Socializing starts at 7 p.m., singing and fun at 7:30.

Channel 25

By Jack Whalen

We are truly not happy about it, but Adelphia Cable has determined that we of Leisure Village must use Channel 25 as our home page. So be it!

Both Bob Koster, chairman of Channel 25, and Caroline Pratt, a member of the Historical Committee, are putting out a call to all chairpersons, presidents and/or heads of committees, clubs and/or groups of all in Leisure Village. Bob wishes to use the video cassette, DVD or CD — whatever the format — to show occasionally on Channel 25, as well as giving each newcomer to LV a copy, while Caroline would like her copy to be a permanent fixture in the historical film library. The plan is to tape a small segment of all groups that have active participation, while with some groups, a

spokesman might explain the workings of the group. Please contact either of those two good folks or leave a message on Channel 25's phone, 388-1243.

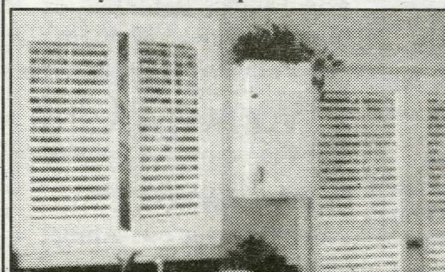
Another plan being considered is having a "Call-In" program. Would you like to question certain department heads or committee chairpersons? We can make it happen. Tell us your thoughts at 388-1243.

One last comment: As Art Kaufman, a veteran Channel 25 volunteer, said last month: "We still need some volunteers for a variety of chores in our studio. Some would take but a few hours a month. None is really complicated, some are fun, and you will really

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Camera Club

By Jerry Cohen

The April competition displayed exciting pictures from beginning to end. The Assigned category for the month was Birds and Animals, and the first place winner was Jerry Spector. Second place went to Vic Fledge, and third place was earned by Judy Spector. Honorable Mentions were by Sam Weinstein and Jerry Cohen.

In the Open category, first place was won by Jerry Cohen, with Milt Mankoff earning second place, and third place going to Marlene Votion. The Honorable Mentions were by Judy Spector and Louise Waln.

The new modified Digital division produced some incredible images, with the first place winner being Gerry Kaplan, followed by Bill Robinson in second place and Louise Waln in third. The evening's judge was Bill Lockridge.

Competitions are held the first Wednesday of each month, and program nights are on the third Wednesday of the month. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. in the MPR with refreshments following. Everyone is invited to attend these entertaining evenings.

L.V. New York Club

By Bob Sklarz

Keeping in mind that we are New Yorkers, the May meeting celebrated the 100th anniversary of Times Square, with New York entertainment. First was the line dancing to that great piece of music, "New York, New York." Then, in the spirit of Times Square, the entertainment capital of the world, people were invited to sing, using the Karaoke machine. This was enjoyed by participants and listeners alike.

The next event will be the annual Big Band Dinner Dance on June 3, catered by DJ's. Information and tickets may be had from Ann Jacobs, 384-9153, or Eileen Hasen, 388-0618.

Women's Club

By JoAnn Burens

It's time for our annual fashion show! This year it will be presented by The Dress Barn on Thursday, June 3, at 1:30 p.m. in the AR. The fashions will be more moderately priced and will appeal to more of us in our age and "budget bracket." We will enjoy a social hour and refreshments after the program.

The next Trading Post will be held on Thursday, June 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Be there early to get the best selection.

Remember that the Workshop meets on Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. in the MPR. They always have beautiful handmade items on display for sale. This is a good place to get unique gifts for family and friends — or yourself!

International Folk Dancing

By Raye Gabriel

International Folk Dance classes are Mondays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the AR. We will review and learn new dances with Virginia Calihan as our leader. Join us in the absolute delight of dancing to all this ethnic music. We cover many countries. You are most welcome to follow along. Call 482-5621 for more information.

Ceramics Plus

By Martin Ettinger

Our Show and Tell, including pieces not made by us, was held at our regular March meeting. Florence Gillman showed a ceramic which was good enough to make the cover of the Ceramics monthly magazine. Irma Shapiro's contribution was a collage of natural items such as bark, seeds and flowers. Louise Waln showed her usual

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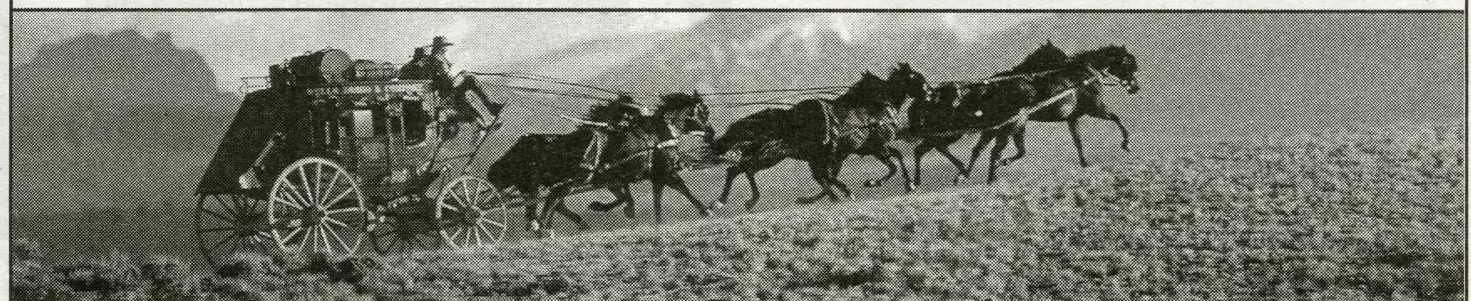
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beautiful Origami. Ed Vasquez exhibited his work in progress of a bust of Ronald Reagan. Aurelie Zachary showed a strong red clay bull.

We meet the fourth Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m. in the MPR.

We wish a speedy recovery to Irma Shapiro, who is and has been the heart and soul of our club.

Racquet Club

By Anne Wolfson

The Racquet Club meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. All Villagers are invited, especially paddle tennis players and tennis players! Dues are \$5 a year and are payable now to our membership chairman, Kay Bell.

Our slate of officers for 2004 is: President, Phil Belsky; Co-Vice Presidents, Bob and Betty Kumler; Secretary, Betty Stallman; Treasurer, Fran Greenwald Frank.

For our April 14 meeting, Ed Pollaine entertained us by showing slides of his trip to Russia with his wife, Ruth. It was most interesting seeing the many churches and museums adorned with gold. The paintings were beautiful, too.

New member Mel Vincent discussed the possibility of having a ladder system of players to encourage all interested players to participate. Bob McQuibby described another method of playing paddle or tennis, with three players on each side. Both of these ideas sounded good.

On May 12, our guest speaker will be Dean McNulty, a Pearl Harbor survivor, who will speak on his participation in the war. This you won't want to miss.

As usual, we had yummy refreshments with Anne Solomon in charge. Put May 12 on your calendar now and join our lively group for a fun evening.

Square Dance

By Raye Gabriel

LV Square Dancers meet Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the AR. Bill Kramer, our caller, is also a well-known teacher. If you have ever square danced, join us. We will be delighted. No partners are necessary. Refreshments are served. Call 987-2865 for more information.

Beginning Bridge

By Raye Gabriel

Beginning Bridge classes are Fridays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the GR. Do join us for the opportunity to review.

We are up to slam bidding with the chance to use Gerber and Blackwood conventions looking for aces and kings.

Call Raye Gabriel at 383-0130 for information.

L.V. Womens Golf Association

By Rose Abbate

Our Golf Association meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month. We meet in the AR.

Refreshments are served at 1:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 2 p.m. Bridge players meet in the Garden Room on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. except on meeting days.

Reminder: \$8 dues are being collected now. Be sure to pay up by May 31 to get your name in the new Handbook & Roster for 2004-2005.

Appreciation Tournament and Luncheon is May 12. Cost is \$2, members only. The general meeting will be after the luncheon.

Tickets for Installation and Awards Luncheon, to be held on Wednesday, June 23, cost \$12 and can be purchased from Betty Hermann, 388-9696, or at the May meeting. Tables for eight or 10 can be reserved if all checks are turned in at the time of purchase.

Regulation golf will be held Thursday, May 20, at Westlake Golf Course. Cost is \$33, including cart. Start time is 9 a.m.

There will be no 19th Hole Party in May due to the Memorial Day holiday. Open play.

The new officers for 2004-2005 are: President, Donna Duke; 1st VP, Fran Mead; 2nd VP, Alda Kroll; 3rd VP, Rosemary Woody; Secretary, Liz Byrnes; Treasurer, Judy Hamilton;

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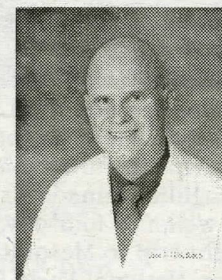
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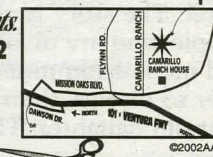
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Corresponding Secretary, Rose Abbate.

The winners for March were as follows: 18ers, low gross, D. Duke, 59; low net, L. Naaktiboren and C. Woodward, 50; niners, front: low gross, D. Praeger 37; low net, D. Praeger, 26. Niners, back, low gross M. Meyers, 29; low net, M. Meyers, 23.

That's all. See you on the links on Wednesdays!

LV Travel

By Eugene Foxman

Seats are available for May trips to the Merle Norman Nethercutt Collection and the Las Vegas Golden Nugget.

Trips in June include the Laughlin Ramada Express as well as a four-day, three-night trip to Mesquite and Zion National Park. Come on board for the Lake Arrowhead Adventure in July.

For more details, watch Channel 25 or visit the Travel Office, which is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 to 11:45 a.m. The phone number is 482-6062.

Players Guild

By Ginny Naspo

The Players Guild meeting will be on Thursday, May 20. The program, directed by Joe Lorand and featuring Joe and his wife Belle, will be a scene from one of Neil Simon's very funny Broadway plays, "California Suite." It played on Broadway for a total of 445 performances. Tammy Grimes starred as one of the key performers on opening night in June 1976 and later was replaced by Rue McClanahan.

The setting takes place in a suite of the Beverly Hills Hotel. The story is about a couple who are divorced and meet again nine years later to discuss their 17-year-old daughter. The dia-

log is very funny and highly sophisticated.

Although they didn't make Broadway, Joe and Belle Lorand have had some experience performing in little theater productions in the past.

We have been having a full house turnout for our monthly meetings. The workshops have been very entertaining, thanks to the efforts of the performers, the directors, the producers and the technical crews. But mostly it's thanks to the audience members that support and inspire them to do their best.

Don't miss a fun night. Come to the meeting. Refreshments are served, too!

Billiard Club

By Milan Weiss

The Billiard Club has its tournaments, and the winners in the Spring 9 Ball tournament were Mel Ducharme, A Group, and Kay Bell, B Group. Congratulations on your respective wins!

Play seems to be continu-

al in the Billiard Room. Many enjoy the game in the daytime and play regularly, and many are there in the evenings because evening hours suit them. Either way, the constant play and practice keeps the players at their peak performance levels.

Coming up in the next issue will be the winners of the Spring 8 Ball tournament.

The next regular scheduled club meeting is Tuesday, May 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the MPR. Sunday, June 6, there will be the popular Picnic in the Park. Also look forward to the June 22 regular scheduled meeting because that is the Ice Cream Social night. Mark your calendars!

Further details, closer to their start dates, will be shown on Channel 25.

Your continuing club support is appreciated, and your presence at the monthly meetings is always welcome. Have you ever noticed? The happiest faces are always at the meetings. Attend! We love to see you there.

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Bocce Ball

By Bob Browne

Wow! What a March Pot Luck party we had! Irv and Fran Cohen and their committee are to be congratulated for a wonderful evening of fellowship, good food and entertainment. Members enjoyed the "Bocce Ball 500" car races with a number of outstanding drivers. A special thanks to "Pit Boss" Norm Scanlan and Dickie Browne, Fran Cohen and Sharon Hahn for handling the betting.

Bocce Ball Tournament leaders Sy Blau and Frank Bennie say reserve June 21-23 for 2004 Tournament play, followed by our Annual Awards Picnic on June 24.

We welcome new members to come and play Bocce Ball with us (no experience required) on Monday and Thursday mornings at 9:50 a.m. at the Bocce Ball courts. Play lasts about an hour. If you like us, annual dues are \$5 a person.

Farmers Club

By Marjorie Deniston

Our next meeting will be June 4 at 2 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. Don't miss this meeting, for you will miss out on the free seeds just for having a vegetable patch. The meeting will present a new feature called "Garden Hints." We will examine possible garden problems and develop methods of correcting these problems.

Our vegetable patches are showing us spring is really here. The first signs of peas, chard, corn and beans and even tomato plants are looking very good. President Kenney Nelson and Joe Dishlip, onsite chairman, have made an inspection of the patches. and they report that a good 90 percent are in top condition. If you haven't picked up your fertilizer, contact Joe Dishlip at 482-

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Three tapes on small space gardening is available for your use. Call Kenney Nelson at 384-9255 to make arrangements to pick them up.

Again, put on your calendars, June 4 at 2 p.m. Until then, happy gardening.

RV Club

By Charlie Hartman

Barbara and Bob Moreland were the proud hosts of the April RV Club dinner at Marie Callendar's in Camarillo. The RV Club monthly dinners have become one of the most popular events of the club.

Mark Saturday, June 19, as the date for the RV Club Pancake Breakfast. It is scheduled from 8 to 11 a.m., with a cost of only \$3 per person. This is an all-you-can-eat pancake, turkey ham, fruit cup, juice and coffee or tea event. Music will be provided by the Keyboard Club. The Pancake Breakfast is the major fund-raising event of the club, with most of the profit going to local charities.

Tickets are available in the AR Lobby Monday and Friday from 9 to 11 a.m. and Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m., or from any club member.

Village Painters

By Dorothy Hirsch

A demonstration on making greeting cards was held on April 7. Several people made their own cards. Some people showed cards that were made on the computer.

On May 5, we worked on a project called, "Expressing Emotions on a Large Mural."

Don't forget that on July 7 we will be having a pot luck picnic in the Pavilion, so get those recipes out. We always have a good time tasting all the different dishes that people bring.

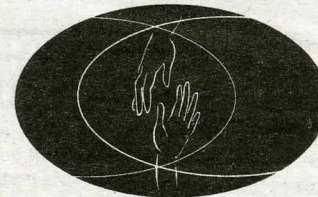
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Country Line Dance

By Jean Thomson

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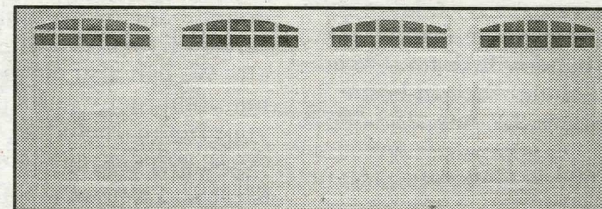
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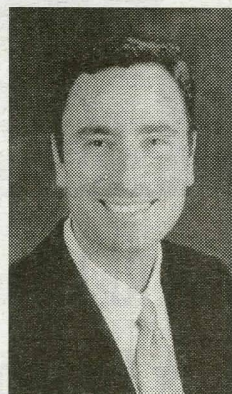
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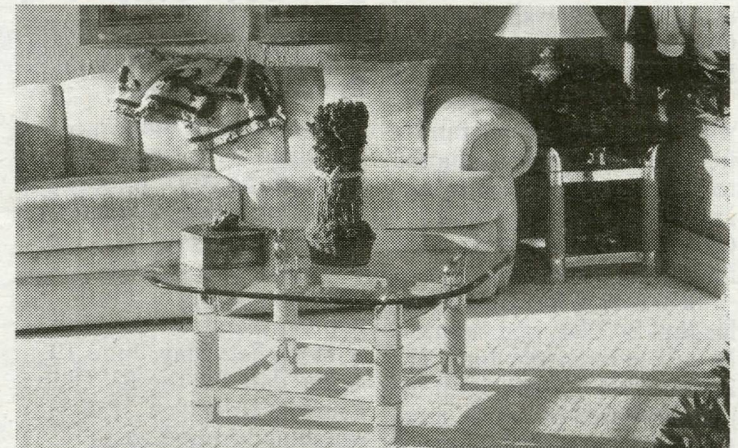
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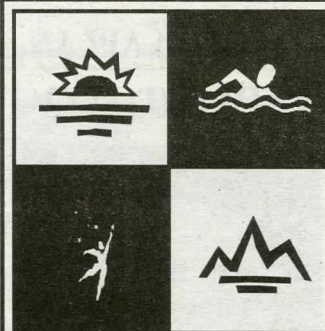


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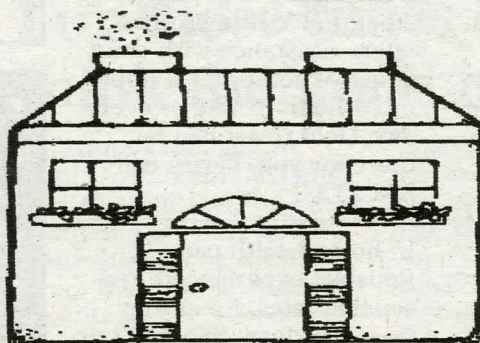


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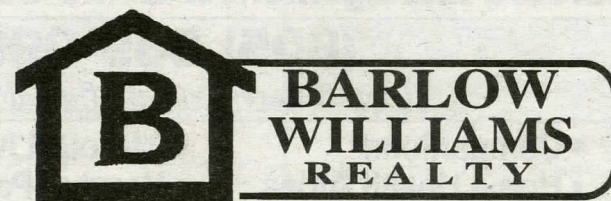


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