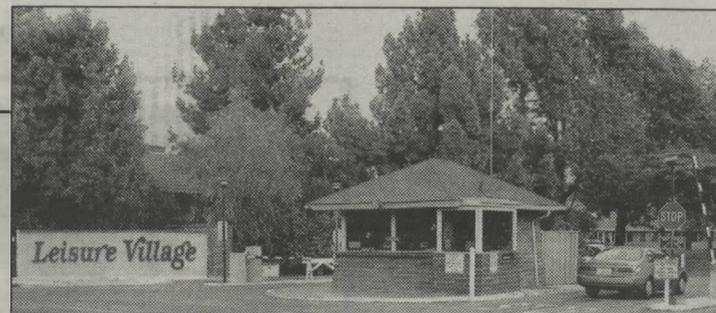


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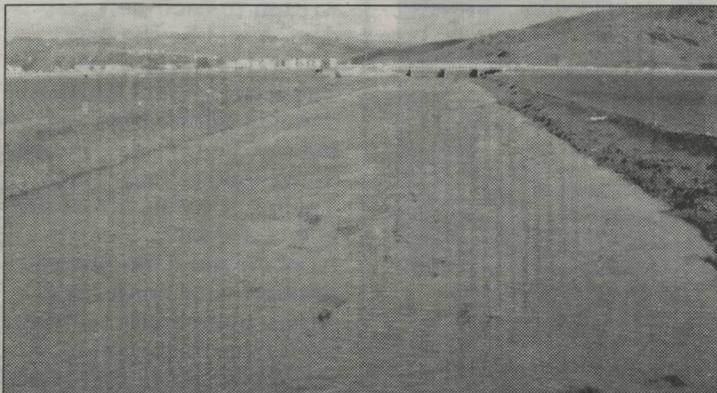


Photo by Bob Koster

Resembling the California aqueduct, the usually meandering Conejo Creek flowed well out of its banks during a lull in the recent torrential rains. Highway 101 crosses the creek in the distant background.

High flow on the Conejo

By Joseph Benti

Right in the middle of the recent torrential rains, a Village resident called to ask if I knew where the crawdads (also known as crayfish) were coming from. Figuring it was a joke, on the order of, "It's raining cats and dogs," I waited for the advice (with apologies to Milt Mankoff) "not to step in the poodles."

The caller was serious.

"No, really, they're in the grass by my house."

Since he lived on the eastern perimeter of the Village, near the banks of the Conejo Creek, it didn't take a biologist to know the roaming freshwater crustaceans were simply exploring new banks with possible fresh sources of food.

As Bob Koster's photograph shows, the Conejo,

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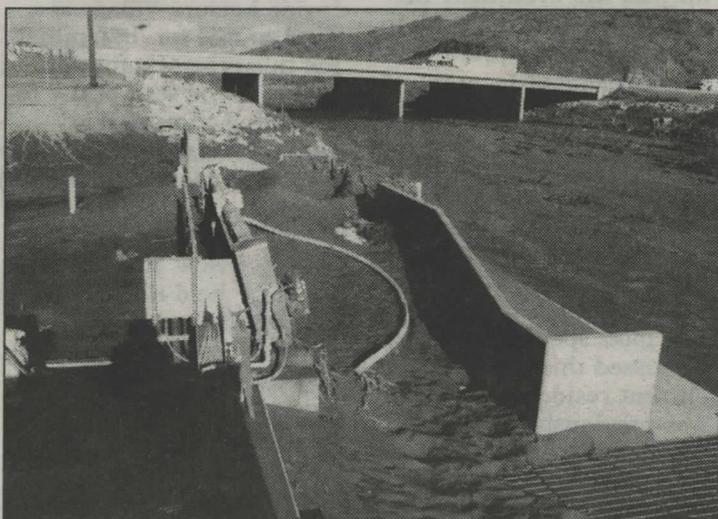


Photo courtesy Tony Stafford, Camrosa Water District

Camrosa Water District's diversion station, just south of Highway 101, was nearly swamped by the swollen Conejo Creek.

Meet Ray Rios, a Village old-timer

By Joseph Benti

OK, all you old-timers, you "pioneers," as some call you, raise your hands!

Oh, you've been here that long? Really, 20 years? Twenty-five? Wow! Thirty years? Get out!

Wait a minute, you don't live here. So, how could you have been here 30 years?

Oh, you're Ray Rios, the longest-serving, full-time employee of Leisure Village.

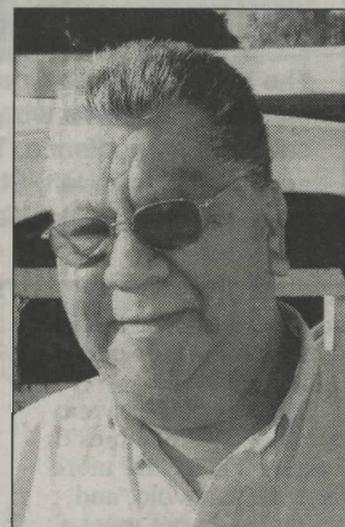
On Jan. 29, 1975, the then-31-year-old budding landscaper got a job taking care of the grounds around the model homes, the Rec Center, the Main Gate and Villages 8, 9 and 11 and the partially completed Villages 6 and 7.

These days, Ray, who plans to retire in four years, is a foreman whose crew tends what the Village landscapers call "The Central Section," which includes the front eight holes of the golf course, the Rec Center and the Main Gate.

We should all be as happy in what we do as Ray Rios says he is working for us. And it doesn't sound like he's just saying that.

He started working here, he says, because "it looked like a good challenge for me." And it has stayed that way because, Rios, who is in excellent health, says, "I enjoy what I do. I come to work and I don't go home tired."

A lifetime resident of Oxnard, Rios and his wife Virginia have two daughters, Suzanne and Barbara, and four grandchildren. His hobby is woodworking, especially building cabinets, using oak and birch. He



Ray Rios is the longest-serving full-time employee of Leisure Village.

says his proudest accomplishment is the entertainment center he built for his living room.

Basically, he likes being at home and, in his spare time, loves to drive around the area with his wife, "just looking," and finding good steakhouses. He has never been to Mexico, the homeland of his 81-year-old mother, but he has taken the Amtrak up the coast to Seattle to visit a nephew stationed at Fort Lewis.

In addition to supervising his crews, Rios says he spends most of his workdays driving around with his eyes constantly darting here and there to find things that are broken, out of place, or in need of repair. He has taken landscape courses at Ventura College and is excited by the challenges of planting and maintaining the right trees and land-

Please see **RIOS** on 11

LV NOTES

Food Share thanks ILV

Helping Food Share aid seniors, Inside Leisure Village again made a \$500 donation to Food Share's Brown Bag Program for seniors. The program provides a bag of groceries to each household that's in need every week.

Showtime bulletin

The "Rat Pack" show scheduled for March 6 has been canceled but will appear in Leisure Village in May. A replacement for the March 6 show will be announced.

Seriously, now

The National Fire Protection Association, in connection with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, will give a 45-minute humorous and interactive presentation designed to teach older adults how to protect themselves from fire and falls. It is on Friday, Feb. 25, in the A.R. The program, sponsored by the Education and Recreation Committee, will begin at 1 p.m. For information, call 389-8964.

Correction

The article on Glade Plug-In room fresheners should have stated that the fire danger was from older models. Units made in the last two years have been deemed safe. ILV apologizes for the omission.

LETTERS

To Marge Lorraine, Vice President, LVA Board of Directors: This is a note of thanks for taking the time to listen to the viewpoints of concerned residents and having the intestinal fortitude to change your opinion on the legality and need for homeowners to waste their money on superfluous expenses such as repiping perfectly good water lines. It is not often in this day and age of political arrogance that a community leader will admit to an error in judgment and then take the necessary steps to correct a wrongdoing.

I believe that no justification, or even a legal foundation, exists for the Board of Directors to arbitrarily adopt a rule that requires homeowners to replumb their homes because a leak might possibly develop at some unknown time in the future.

The position taken by the Board on this matter is no different, from a legal perspective, than a potential parallel case that might develop because three of the members should decide that all of the homes in the Village should be wired



The Keyboard Club Concert was held on January 14. The talented Village musicians put on a wonderful show that was enjoyed by a large and enthusiastic audience. The ensemble, pictured at the closing of the show, consists of, from left, Stan Vansant on clarinet, Bill Marvel on piano, Frances Singer on violin, Dick Guttman on organ, and Irene Olson on keyboard.

because the electrical systems do not meet current building codes.

As you noted in your comments, the homes in Leisure Village are more than 30 years old, and therefore do not meet a number of the current building code requirements. That factor does not mean

that the homes are necessarily faulty, but relates to the fact that through time, better materials and methods have been developed.

I truly hope that at least two of the other members of the Board will support your assessment and viewpoint in this matter, and quickly reverse their stand on the issue before any additional time, money or energy is expended.

From my perspective, it seems like a terrible waste of financial resources to pursue this matter through a referendum process, when the issue can easily and quickly be resolved by a motion, second and simple

vote at the next Board of Directors meeting.

Establishing a precedent for taking matters such as this before the entire membership of the Association via the ballot process does not represent good public policy for the future and should therefore be avoided if at all possible.

— Shirley and Robert McQuivey, V. 16

According to Bob Koster, ("Volunteering," ILV, Jan. 7, 2005) unless we organize a program to recruit volunteers, our committees will eventually disappear. We will succumb to the tyranny of a professional management team to oversee Leisure Village, thus losing our freedom, and end up like those poor souls in Leisure World in Orange County.

I was not aware that residents of Leisure World have "given up their freedom." The facts speak otherwise. I discussed this topic with a current resident of LV who was previously a longtime resident of Leisure World. He stated emphatically that professional management has been successful in Leisure World, regardless of newspaper reports to the contrary.

I am not in favor of dissolving our committees, but if we don't have the volunteers to staff them, what are our options? I am not certain Mr. Koster's idea of a Volunteer Committee would produce more volunteers, but I support the idea in principle.

I think a personal letter written to each new resident would be the best method of initial contact. The letter should contain detailed information regarding the committees, including schedules and duties. The letter would stress the need for qualified volunteers for the various committees, with names and phone numbers to contact for further information. It should be signed by the current president of the Board of Directors.

There will always be people who move to Leisure Village who are independent, prefer to be left alone and have no interest in serving on any committees. Then there are a large number of residents who are leasing. Should they be eligible to become volunteers? It could be argued they should not participate as volunteers because they are transients and have no stake in the future of Leisure Village. Obviously there are exceptions.

I commend Mr. Koster for his prescience and offering a solution to the problem of lack of volunteers. Until I read his article I did not know this problem existed. Inside Leisure Village is a good source for disseminating this type of information. Kudos to the staff of ILV for providing a forum that allows diverse opinions.

— Jack Carlson, V. 6

On January 6, the New York Club held its installation of new officers, to be followed by entertainment, specifically, the talented singer Sally Yale, accompanied by pianist Dorothy Weiss. Unfortunately, the concert was moved to March 3.

How does one fill the time? Well, folks, you have

Deadlines for next month

The Display Advertising deadline for the March 2005 issue will be Monday, February 7, at 5 p.m. Deadline for letters, club news, stories and photos is Saturday, February 12, at 5 p.m. Publication is scheduled for March 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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Original Zorro will make his mark on LV Feb. 13

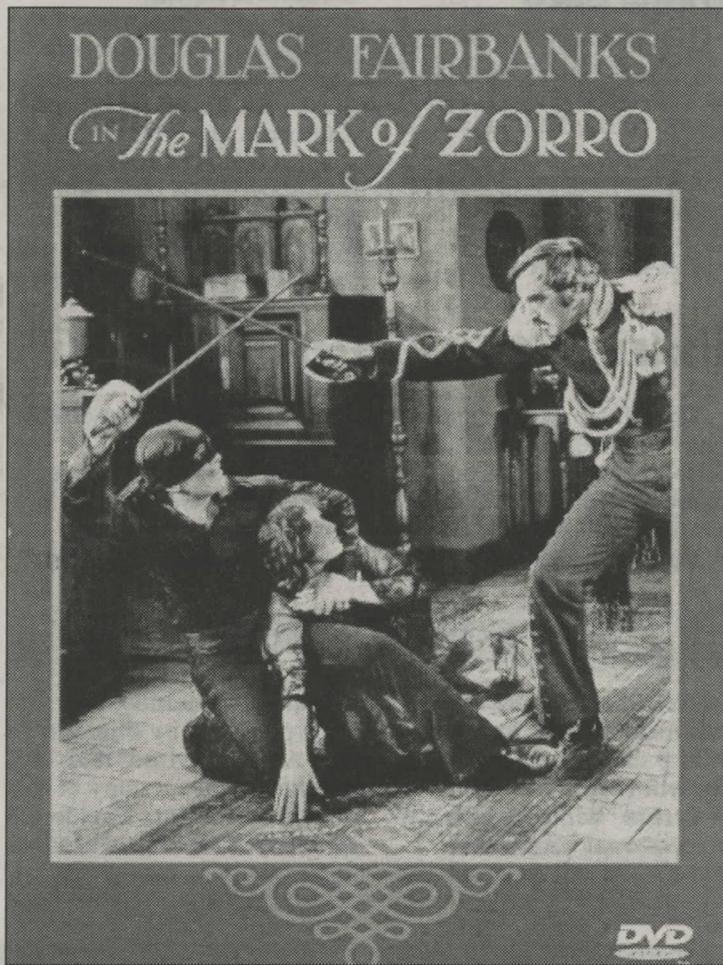
By Bob Koster

Our Classic Movie night is a wonderful event to enjoy on the second Sunday of each month. Bring friends and relatives, and relax with an old movie shown the old-fashioned way, on a big screen with an appreciative audience. And popcorn.

On Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. in A.R., we will show the 1920 Douglas Fairbanks, Sr., classic, "The Mark of Zorro." It is the precursor of the 1940 version — with dashing Tyrone Power, the evilly handsome Basil Rathbone and the impossibly beautiful Linda Darnell — that we showed a few months ago.

Both films were taken from the novel, "The Curse of Capistrano," by Johnston McCulley, which introduced the character of Zorro.

Douglas Fairbanks was wont to improvise on established themes, and no one knew what he would shoot from week to week, since he wrote the script as he went along. That practice is frowned on quite severely at today's studios. However, back in the days when the movies were still finding their way, there was no formula for movie-making. Furthermore, Fairbanks was such a big star, along with Charlie Chaplin, Rudolph Valentino and Mary Pickford, that merely having his name (in Europe, his photo) on a marquee was a guarantee of a full house every night. So, his backers



let him make movies any way he liked.

The story follows the book, more or less, but you will see significant differences between this version and the Ty Power version. That is because of Fairbanks' improvisations.

Don't forget, Fairbanks did most of his own stunts: He was a master swordsman, an expert equestrian, a gymnast and, in many cases, quite fearless.

However, he was not stupid. If a stunt posed a serious threat to his ability to act, he did use a stunt double. He knew that if he showed up on a set with his arm in a cast, it would hold up shooting. After all, he was a businessman.

In fact, a very good businessman. Good enough to be, along with Mary Pickford, Charlie Chaplin and D.W. Griffith, one of the founding members of United

Artists, which let its principals make movies without worrying about a studio breathing down their necks. They cut costs by not having standing studios like Fox, Warner Brothers or MGM; they hired good talent and had nobody vetoing their casts or writers.

The film you will see has some other "unknowns" in bit parts who were to become familiar later: Noah Beery, Jr., and, of all people, Milton Berle!

In March, we will be dark as I will be lecturing in Austria where there will be a retrospective of my father's European films from the early '30s. The event is a symposium on "The Exiles," those artists who left Germany after Hitler came to power. Among those working at the time before coming to America or Britain were Billy Wilder, Conrad Veidt, Philip Dorn (Frits van Dongen), Franz Waxman (Wachemann), Andre de Toth, Thomas Mann, Herbert Marcuse, Jacques Kapralik and many others, including Kurt Bernhardt, who played a key role in my father's European career.

I should not leave out Felix Jackson (Joachimsohn), also formerly of Leisure Village, and the "quiet couple," Hans and Heidi Pommer. Hans (John) became a major production figure in Hollywood, heading Bing Crosby Productions, among others, and his wife was a

major ballerina in Europe before emigrating to this country.

Dad was a very modest man, almost self-effacing, who had many European friends, especially from Hungary and Austria, as well as a few Germans. They "hung out" weekends at his house, where there was always good food, wine, music and absolutely sparkling company.

We did not know until he died in 1988 that he had done much more, having been instrumental in founding a major refugee organization to save artists from Nazism, spending a considerable amount of his own money to do so. He also personally funded several emigres, sponsoring them until they could establish themselves in their new homeland, yet he never told anyone, not even his children. He just did what he felt was right, just for its own sake.

I am happy that Austria is recognizing my father's creative work, and I will be happy to be there.

I'll be back in the A.R. on April 10, at 7 p.m., to show the Movie Classic, "Hell's Angels," which features Jean Harlow in a small role.

For now, I look forward to our next show, "The Mark of Zorro," which, as always, will be accompanied by popcorn, coffee and punch.

And, as always, everything is absolutely free.

See you at the movies!

Blood pressure clinic Feb. 7 free

By Naomi Balfour

Your Neighbors Care Group will be doing free blood pressure screening on February 7 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the A.R.

We also need volunteer help. Come to our board meeting in the Lanai Room at 10 a.m. on the first Friday of every month, or call Mary Jane Porter at 484-1962.



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suring, and the exchange of ideas can help solve some of the daily problems we probably all encounter. There are no fees but, yes, snacks. For more information, please call Charlotte at 482-1331.

CLASSES

Better Living Through Better Breathing

By Lorraine Comer

Hope all your holidays were as great as you all wanted them to be and that you continued to do your pursed lip breathing as necessary.

We will resume breathing sessions on the second Wednesday, February 9, in the Garden Room at 10 a.m. Bring all your questions and even some answers for other members, and we will continue to practice better breathing.

Let's start the new year off with a good turnout so that we will all benefit of meeting together.

Oxnard Adult Sewing Class

There will be one class this coming semester, on Wednesdays, from 1 to 4 p.m., with instructor Karen Dress.

Classes began on February 2, but registration will continue for several weeks thereafter. The semester fee for seniors (60 and older) is \$35, and \$40 for those younger than 60. The semester runs from Feb. 2 to June 8. Bring a project to class on opening day.

For more information and questions, please call Celia at 484-3441.

55 Alive offered Feb. 17, 18

By Naomi Balfour

The next class of 55 Alive will be offered in the Village on Feb. 17 and 18 from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Licensed drivers who live in the Village will benefit from taking this course, which is brought to you by

the Education and Recreation Committee. You will receive a discount on automobile insurance for three years, according to California law. You will be a safer, more alert driver, and if you are 70 or older and need to renew your drivers license soon, the course will be helpful to pass the writ-

ten test, which the DMV will require you to take.

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

To make these arrangements or to get more information, call Naomi Balfour at 987-9851 or Ruth Miller at 987-8162.

Pianist to perform Feb. 6

The Music Appreciation Club will present a special concert by Sean Chen, award-winning concert pianist, on Feb. 6. The time is 2 p.m. on a Sunday after-

noon in the A.R. The cost is \$1.

The club will subsidize further expenses. This is a rare opportunity to hear such an outstanding artist.

SHAKESPEARE CLUB

The Shakespeare Club will meet Friday, Feb. 11, at 1:30 p.m. in the Sun Room. We will read "The Comedy of Errors" while listening to professional actors on stereo. We will then see the

actual performance on a DVD provided by Sheldon Ziff. All are invited. It is helpful to have a copy of the play. Information: Sheldon at 388-6453 or Anne at 484-3977.

VOLUNTEERS

"Stitches from the Heart" is an organization of volunteers who knit or crochet hats for preemie babies and other tiny garments for needy families.

Our Leisure Village group of volunteers would welcome new members. For new knitters, making these tiny garments is a wonderful way to learn and practice. We will teach you.

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Traffic problems, possible solutions

By Joseph Benti

Some Villagers question the way traffic citations are handled, questions that often follow emotional confrontations with Security Personnel. As a result, what is designed to be a relatively simple process can, on occasion, become overly complicated and driven by excess emotion.

When that happens, some Villagers turn to the Ombudsman Panel for help, an experience that newly appointed Ombudsman Panel Chair Alan Rosin summed up as cases that, "usually boil down to a big difference in the way the driver sees what happened compared to the way the Security Officer saw it and recorded it."

Two recent cases involved drivers (one was this reporter, who is also a member of the Ombudsman Panel) who insisted that they did not do what they were cited for. Confidentiality forbids the Ombudsman Panel from discussing the specifics of any of its cases, but Rosin believes Villagers should know the correct procedures for challenging citations.

"Every Villager has a right to request a hearing before the Association Board," noted Ernest Houghton, a member of the panel. But, he added, "Not everybody is familiar with all their rights."

Village drivers charged with traffic violations usually face cut-and-dried procedures, which, when followed, in most cases, result in relatively successful resolutions.

Violation notices come in a form letter that cites the CC&Rs, which grant the Village the authority to act. At the bottom of that letter is a box which gives the recipient a choice of having the case formally heard before a disposition is settled.

There are three possible hearing choices:

(1), a working hearing before a three-person panel of the Safety & Security Committee;

(2), a closed executive session hearing before such a panel and,

(3), a hearing before an executive session of the Association's Board of Directors.

If the choice includes asking that the officer be present (on the clock), Security Chief Jim Moore is present to provide technical advice and to help clarify questions that might arise.

Despite the adversarial appearance of the hearing, Chief Moore insists, "We really are interested in getting out the facts and making sure nobody feels they have been treated unfairly."

Every now and then, a really angry Villager wants to go right to the top and requests a hearing before

the full Board. Experience indicates that is usually a mistake, because when the Board goes into Executive Session, it is confidential and strictly controlled. All questions go through the presiding officer, usually the Board President which, to some, appears to take away the right of the complainant who might want to question the officer directly.

Chief Moore also noted that sometimes a dispute can be settled the old-fashioned way, by taking the complaint directly to his office.

Moore said, "Recently, we had a resident who parked his car at night in what had once been a parking space but which had been changed to no parking. But the old markings somehow just appeared brightly at night. So, he took a picture of that, brought it in, and we ripped up the ticket. When it is as clear as day that somebody has been wrongly ticketed, we are just as interested as they are in saving them and us time and grief."

Beyond being ticketed, if residents have problems with Security enforcement, the best approach is to direct complaints and suggestions for improvement to the Safety & Security Services Committee. If that fails, then the matter should be taken forward to the Association Board.

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Controversy over repiping boils over

By Ted Lansing

The Village's latest "hot button" issue — involving the attempt to impose a mandatory requirement that all residences be "re-piped" before they are sold — will be aired at a Town Hall meeting on Thursday evening, February 10, at 7 p.m. in the A.R.

The measure, known as Rule 6.16, was adopted by the Village Board and then dropped after the petition was presented.

At the Town Hall meeting, the Board plans to explain why it proposed the new rule and expects to hear from all the arguments for and against such an action before possibly reconsidering the issue.

Among the issues raised by the proposal are these:

- The legality of the Association action to require home-owners to make such an expenditure (estimates range from \$2,500 to \$3,700 per unit) without a general vote on the subject;

- Whether or not the Association has the authority to impose such a requirement in any case, since the piping interior to a residence is the sole responsibility of the owner, and the fact that should such piping fail, it is the owner's responsibility, not the Association's, to pay for any losses, whether inside their home or to adjacent properties.

Several residents have

told me that the actual cases of leaks and damage experienced in the past seem to have been confined to a period when a Village pressure regulator failed. In turn, that caused the water pressure in residences to exceed 100 pounds per square inch (psi). This is very high, since normal pressures are kept around 45 to 60 psi. When the defective regulator in question was repaired, the cases of pipe failures in slabs became relatively rare. If these are the facts, it would appear that the problem is less urgent than seems indicated by the Board's action.

Insurance Chair Arthur Katz reports there are some potential insurance issues involved, that undetected

leaks in the old piping, below, in, or above the concrete pad can create seepage which can, in turn, create mold. In fact, he noted there already was an insurance claim for mold that resulted in a six-figure settlement against the Village.

Beyond whatever costs may loom for homeowners, the importance of the issue, and the importance of the Town Hall meeting, are underscored by the fact that the Village can be seen as the so-called "deep pocket" in any litigation growing out of the issue of repiping. It is well worth every homeowner's time and effort to be present on the night of February 10.

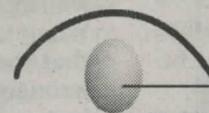
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However, Ombudsman Panel Chair Rosin notes that some issues being directed to his Panel, "more rightly belong before one of the 17 committees that are really the first and most sensitive bodies representing resident interests and specific homeowner problems."

He would like Villagers to focus attention on the importance of the often-overlooked committee process, which is the first and often most effective road to change and solving problems.

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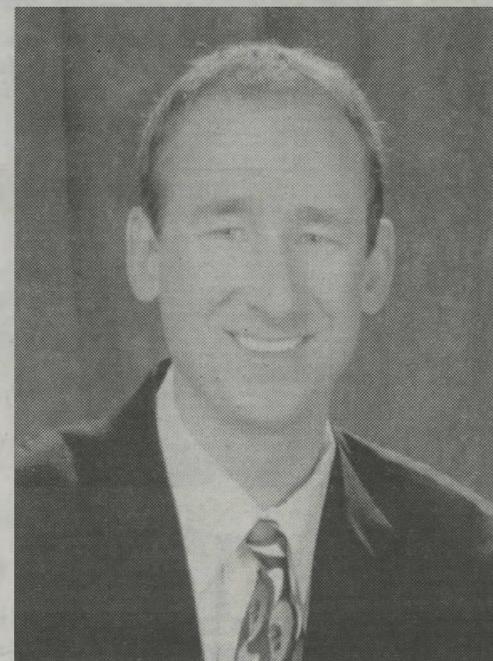
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LETTERS

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a plan: a substitute program, in this case, an old but good Jerry Seinfeld nightclub video. Good thinking, except for one thing. Who's in charge of the technology to properly show the tape? Somebody has to know what they are doing. Ideally, it would be a volunteer, and that's the problem.

It's foolish to depend on well-meaning residents to do what professionals are trained to do. Plus, too many times the sound system is inadequate due to poor or old-fashioned microphones. The purchase of lapel mikes (lavalieres) may eliminate poor audio presentations due to faulty equipment. Lights? During the Jerry Seinfeld screening Jan. 6, no one knew how to kill the house lights. I tried and failed. Others figured it out, but too late as the audience slowly but surely disappeared.

Speaking of audiences, when any organization here in the Village invites the residents to an entertainment, they are obligated to put their best foot forward. People don't show up in their pajamas. They get dolled up, looking handsome or gorgeous, ready to be receptive to a good performance. Give it to them.

At the other extreme and an example of arrogance: I watched, in shock, when the emcee, dressed in Bermuda shorts, sweatshirt and sandals, introduced Mickey Rooney and wife to a packed house of sophisticated Leisure Village show biz veterans. At \$15 a pop.

Think about it! Take a few dollars out of your treasury and invest in better equipment and expertise to help the volunteers put on programs that benefit everyone.

Look at the graphics on Channel 25. Two years ago and before, they were a visual disaster. Now, they are crisp, clean and professional because somebody made a decision based on

giving more than lip service to a problem.

On Jan. 9, I peeked in on Bob Koster's weekly presentation and, as usual, it was without tech problems. Of course, Bob was right there to make sure his friends and neighbors were not wasting their time.

What prompted this piece was when the Sally Yale concert was postponed, a gentleman approached me, where I was standing in the back of the room, and asked if I would write something for Inside Leisure Village.

P.S. Sally Yale, accompanied by Dorothy Weiss, March 3. Be there!

— Christian Hansen, V. 15

I wish to acknowledge the photographic artists here for the compilation of 12 months of beautiful photography, allowing us the pleasure of ogling each photo for four weeks! The Camera Club is truly another wonderful group within our borders. It's wonderful work, to say the least. Thank you, group!

— Lynn Oberman, V. 1

A simple thank you can't express our gratitude for the outpouring of love on behalf of Sig Jaffe.

From the caring and sensitivity of our security people, especially Mr. Lopez, to the people at the gate, recreation staff and personnel, everyone helped to ease this painful time.

We have been overwhelmed by the visits, tributes, donations, cards and sweet goodies on Sig's behalf.

Matthew and Paul never asked me what I was going to do later. They said, "The people here are not just friends, they are family." We are all honored by your love.

— Elaine Jaffe, Matthew, Paul, Barbary and grandchildren

I read with some interest Ben Perry's letter in the January 7 issue of "Inside Leisure Village," since I lived for many years

in Leisure World in Orange County's Laguna Woods (hereafter referred to as LW). Like Mr. Perry, my wife and I prefer living in LV, but I was surprised to read his reasons, since most of them are based on misinformation.

To cite two of his "facts" among more than a dozen:

- LW is "located near the Long Beach Airport, right in the flight path of incoming, incessant commercial and private planes." Wrong, as a glance at any California map would show.

- LW "homes are much smaller in size." Again, misinformed.. Some units are small, but, as here, they

vary in size according to the needs and pocketbooks of the residents. For example, the 1,300-square-foot LW unit I lived in is about the same size as my home here, and many of my friends lived in larger homes, some in the 2,000 and up range.

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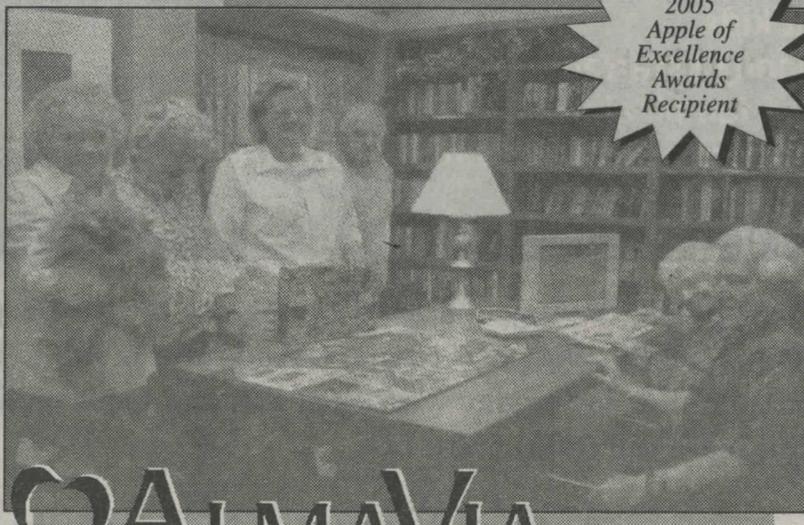
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72-hour emergency kit will help in earthquake

By Joe Foraker, V. 30

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's number one goal is to persuade the nation's families to prepare for major emergencies. Each year, more than 1 million U.S. families are victims of disasters that include earthquakes, hurricanes, tornados, floods, fires and hazardous chemical spills.

Major disasters like the Loma Prieta earthquake and Hurricane Hugo involve thousands of people. It may take several days to provide victims with adequate responses that include medical attention, shelter, food

and water.

Simple pre-planning will greatly reduce the hardships that are always associated with major disasters. Families and individuals who have prepared 72-hour emergency kits that contain food, water, medical provisions, and sanitation supplies will be able to take care of their own immediate needs. Emergency kits should be packed and ready for instant use. Prudent families will also keep an emergency kit in the family car.

Items that should be in the home emergency kit include canned meats, fruits and vegetables. A hand can



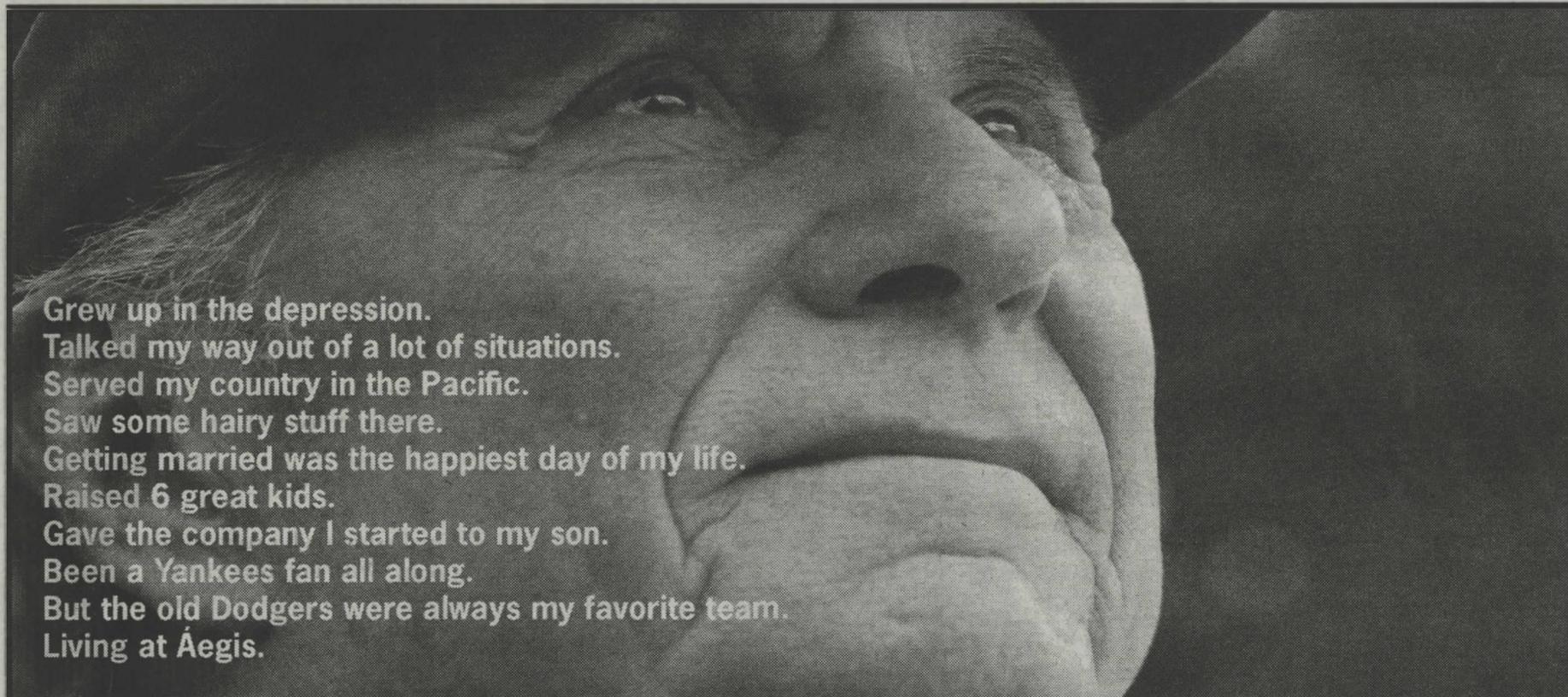
opener should be packed with the canned goods. The kit should also include bot- tled water, light sources

(flashlights and light sticks), a portable radio, extra bat- teries, a first aid kit, blan- kets and any essential med-

ication.

The car kit should substi- tute food bars for canned food. Water in small com- pact packages such as "Aqua Blox" has a five-year life and will withstand tem- perature extremes. Backpacks filled with emer- gency supplies are ideal packaging for auto storage compartments.

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In the interest of public safety and service, the Camarillo Police Department is now offering free gunlocks to residents of Camarillo.

The Camarillo Police Department is currently distributing gunlocks obtained as the result of a federal grant. Our goal is to keep children and grandchildren safe.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, nearly one child in every 20,000 was either killed or injured unintentionally by firearms in the United States during 2002. This statistic is just referencing children, however, there are just as many adults injured in accidental shootings. Due to the number of hunting accidents, it is difficult to give an accurate ratio. As is said many times, "one is too many."

This federal grant has given gunlocks to law enforcement agencies and gun retailers for free distribution to the public as a way to decrease the risk of firearm tragedies. The police department has received 500 of these locks and is ready to distribute them to the residents of Camarillo.

The Camarillo Police Department wants to remind all gun owners that gunlocks alone are not near-



Gunlocks like this are now available free of charge through the Camarillo Police Department.

ly enough.

Take the following steps to reduce the possibility of injury as the result of a gun accident:

- Never point a firearm at someone you don't intend to shoot
- Always assume the firearm is loaded.
- Keep all guns out of the reach of children and adults who shouldn't have them.
- Keep firearm in a locking safe even if the weapon is secured by a gun lock.
- Unload the firearm when it is not in use.
- Read the gunlock instructions to insure prop-

er use.

- Store the key to the lock and the gun separately.
- Store the key in a location inaccessible to unauthorized people, particularly children.

The locks are available for pickup Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Camarillo Police Station, 3701 E. Las Posas Road. Every resident can obtain as many locks as needed, but they are intended for personal, in-home use and are not to be resold.

For questions, call Senior Deputy Steve Arthur at 388-5130. Be safe!

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Now, to something implicit in his letter, which Bob Koster made explicit in his article in ILV, that an outside management firm "would be the end of our own self-determination and the end of what makes this Village the wonderful entity it is," because we would be giving up "our freedom, as those poor souls in Leisure World have done."

The fact is that LW boards set the policies for their management team to carry out, just as our board sets policies for the staff

here, and LW residents have as much freedom and controls over both LW board policies and the outside management team there as we have over both our board policies and the LV staff and management here.

I'm sorry that two LV residents took such a slap at LW management without checking the facts. I'm not advocating an outside management team here, since I would need to know more before doing so. But I can offer my opinion that the combination of LW Board policies and outside management has resulted in a more attractive appearance

there than here (better landscape maintenance and more color choices for exterior painting). I also prefer the LW policy of including any termite repairs in the monthly fee; and I have found LW services to be as efficient and even more available than here.

I could, of course, point out advantages of LV over LW, but this would obscure the major conclusion I draw from the letters, namely that any consideration of the merits of outside management for LV should be more informed.

— David Redding, V. 33

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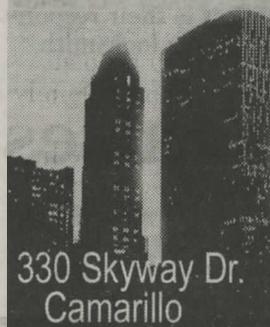
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Here's a key element to your self-assurance

By Arthur Katz

There are several important things we can do to become more secure in our homes inside a community many of us moved into, in part, because of the appearance of greater security.

Insurance is one of the key elements to helping us feel secure should something terrible happen to us, our homes or our possessions.

But, surprisingly, a key itself is also essential.

In fact, the kind of key we all use in our front doors could play a major part in

whether or not you have all the security you think you have.

Over the past two years, there have been many homes bought and sold in the Village. For that reason, or for some other reason, homeowners may have had their main locks rekeyed. Even if you did not, you should have information about the main locks because a previous owner may have rekeyed. The question is, was the re-keying done correctly?

Many residents do not know that it is their responsibility, when a locksmith

finishes the job, to call Security so as to assure that the Master Key that is carried by each security officer works in your front-door lock. Unless you have Security do that, you do not know for sure that the key you are using right now is matched to the Master Key.

Researching this article, I talked to Chief Jim Moore, who encouraged me to get this information out, assuring me that Security is prepared to stop at every home to test the Master Key on each residential lock. He said this would be done even though it would create

a great deal of extra work for his force.

To underscore the importance of this often-overlooked matter: Imagine you or a neighbor sees water seeping out a front door. The neighbor reports it to Security, but the officer's Master Key does not work in the front door lock.

Somebody is going to suffer.

Another all-too-common example is that in which a resident might become severely ill or injured inside their home. A call goes to

911. Help arrives, but they cannot gain entry. It is a little late, then, to figure out that your locks should have been checked to guarantee that entry can be made through your front door with the Master Key.

If anything I have noted in this article raises questions in your mind about your insurance coverage, call your agent and get answers.

In the meantime, have a safe time and enjoy life here in Leisure Village.

Trading Post raises \$21,575

By Donna Duke

The Trading Post for 2004 was very successful thanks to our residents.

We have sent checks totaling \$21,575 to the following organizations this year: Camarillo Hospice, St. John's Pleasant Valley Hospital Foundation, Institute of Equestrian Therapy, Camarillo Outreach Braille Program, Cinemagic-Pleasant Valley Education Foundation, Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurses Association, Camarillo Academic

Olympics, Project Linus (for children with leukemia), Coalition to End Domestic Violence, St. John's Healthy Beginnings, Leisure Village Food Distribution, Ombudsman-Long Term Care Services, City of Hope, Boys and Girls Club, Food Share, Inc., and to the Leisure Village Association, Inc., for the Annex Project.

We donate funds twice a year, in late June and mid-December.

We hope that 2005 will be as successful as 2004. Only your donations will enable us to continue supporting many needed organizations. We would appreciate your donations of unused or unwanted items in order to continue this service to our community

charities and assist with needed in-house projects.

For newcomers to our Village, we accept most items. If you have items to donate, call Donna Duke at 987-2627 and she will gladly pick them up.

Our monthly sales are held on the second Thursday of every month, except the month of December. We welcome all residents and guests.

We hold the sales in the Recreation Center's Auditorium, and we open at 10 a.m. and close at 1 p.m.

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FLOOD

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which had been churning along through the storm, went well out of its normal meandering channel.

Like the larger, usually dry Calleguas Creek to the north, flowing to the Pacific in a channel parallel to the Conejo, the creeks drain a massive flood plain upon

which quite a bit of residential housing, including Leisure Village, usually sits dry, if not high. This time the creeks were at what is called a "25-year flood stage."

To see what that means, Camrosa Water District engineer Terry Stafford kindly provided a picture of the diversion station just west of the 101, which diverts excess Conejo Creek

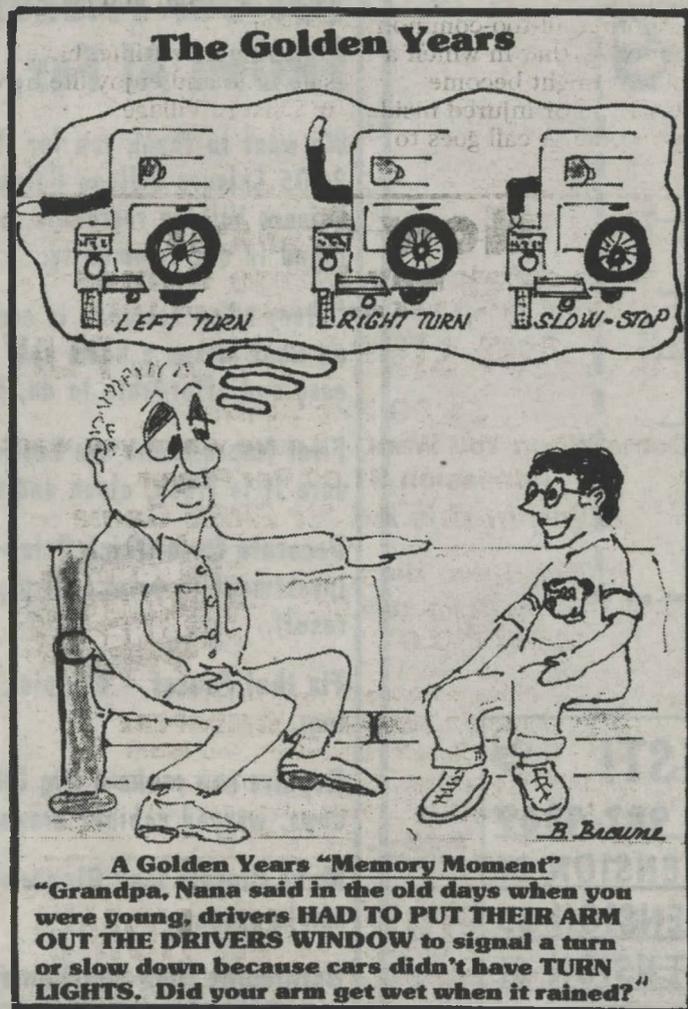
water to holding ponds down by California State University, Channel Islands. Built to withstand a "100-year flood," the building from where the picture was taken came within three feet of being inundated. Buried under sand left behind by the creek, the large filter and intake screens cannot be seen.

Prepared for such eventualities, the station was shut down to prevent debris from clogging the mechanism. In fact, Stafford reported that some 20 cubic yards of sand was trucked out of the pumping area.

For those interested in eating crayfish, there are many Internet sites that cover preparation and cook-

ing, with any number of recipes which, when accompanied by some Zydeco music, can make you feel as though you are lost in the swamps of Louisiana, or just dining on the banks of the beautiful Conejo Creek.

Oh, and drink a toast to the hope that we are at least 75 years away from a dreaded 100-year flood.



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scaping to fit the Village's needs.

By and large, his 30 years in the Village have been uneventful except for the wind and the rains.

He recalls one massive rainstorm when the waters from Conejo and Calleguas creeks flooded several areas of the Village where he and other workers worked to keep homes from being inundated. One night, all the roads out were flooded, so Ray had to sleep in the Administration Building.

And then there was the big windstorm that uprooted several trees, flinging branches everywhere and ripping several aluminum patio covers off their foundations and dropping them onto nearby streets.

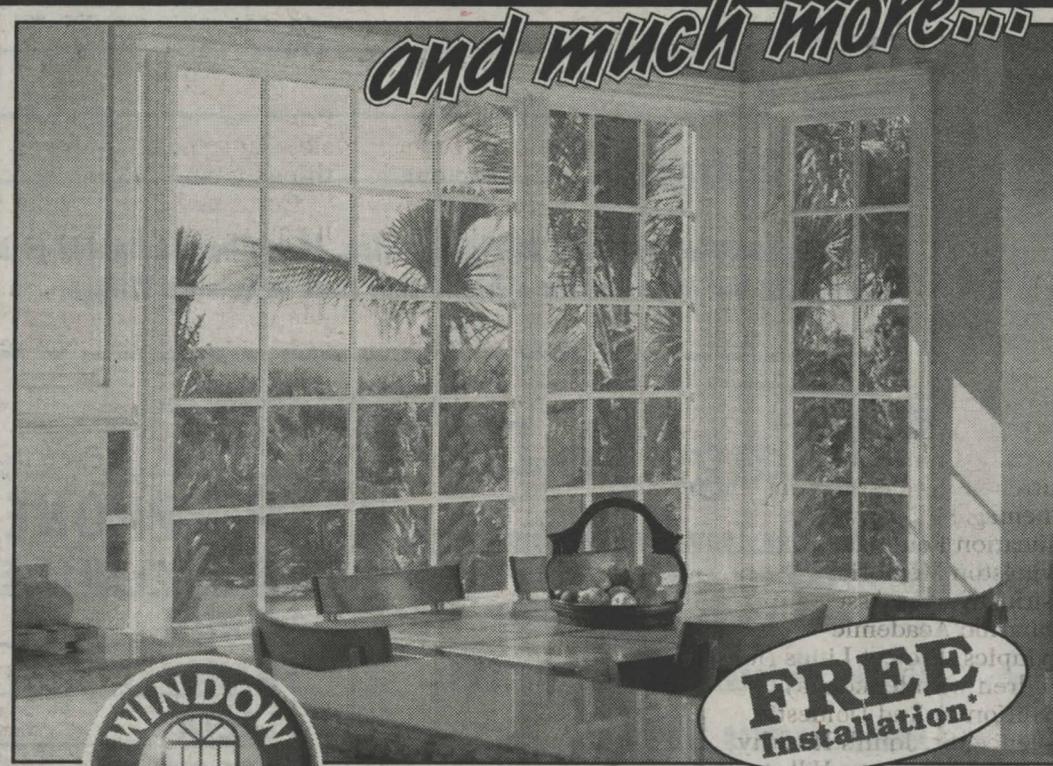
Looking back on it all, Ray Rios says he misses the early days.

"In those days," he says, "when I started, everybody knew everybody. It's not the same. I miss the friendly way."

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TO: Our Friends and Neighbors
FROM: Al Fox, The Fox Real Estate Team

We want to thank you for the wonderful comments you have given us on our 2005 Leisure Village Calendar. We think the photographs, all taken by Leisure Village residents, are beautiful and show just one talent that can be found in our community.

Often, when someone is considering selling their home they will ask for tips on what makes a home sell quicker. I have found that the following tips are easy and affordable to do, but make a difference.

First Impressions are Lasting – The front door greets the prospect. Make sure it is fresh, clean and scrubbed looking.

Decorate for a Quick Sale – Faded walls & worn woodwork reduce appeal. An investment in paint will pay dividends & quicker sale at a higher price will result.

Fix that Faucet – Dripping water discolors sinks & suggests faulty plumbing.

Repairs can make a Big Difference – Loose knobs, sticking doors & windows, warped cabinet drawers & other minor flaws detract from home value.

Make Closets look Bigger – Neat, well organized closets show that you have ample space.

Bathrooms Help Sell Homes – Check & repair caulking in bathtubs & showers. Make this room sparkle.

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Shopping List



Get ingredients for Apple Rice Pudding

1 & 1/4 pounds apples, cooked

2 1/2 cups milk

3/4 pound rice

3 1/2 teaspoons grated lemon rind

2 eggs, separated

5 tablespoons sugar

1/4 teaspoons nutmeg

*

Peel, core, slice and cook apples with a little sugar for about 7 minutes. Bring milk to a boil and mix in the rice and lemon rind. Cook briskly for 20 minutes. Add the thoroughly beaten egg yolks. Arrange apples in layers in a baking dish, pour rice and any liquid over them. Sprinkle on sugar and nutmeg. Beat egg whites till they form peaks. Stir in very gently. Bake at 350 degrees until brown. Serve hot. Serves 6-8.

*This can be reheated in the microwave on medium power. I would also suggest putting a cup of water in the microwave while heating the pudding, as the rice is less likely to dry out.

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L.V. Exercise Group

By Shiphrah Maller

We were all very sorry to hear that our irreplaceable Milt Mankoff had a heart attack and willed his job to me. Everyone is wishing him well, and I understand he is doing nicely.

In the meantime, our loyal and dedicated members have turned up for exercise every single day — rain included. We know how important these stretching exercises are for all of us. Television and newspapers have been recently proclaiming the importance of at least 30 minutes daily of some kind of exercise.

So, if you have not done so as yet, join us from Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 9 a.m. in the Pavilion by the pool and learn how good it feels to start the day the exercise way.

L.V. Mens Golf Association

By Mannie Abbate

Come to the meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 2 p.m. in the MPR. Refreshments start at 1:30 p.m., so come in early and mix with the other members and guests. The schedule for next year is almost finalized. Ernie Ohmstedt has finally resolved the problem regarding the pricing for the Buenaventura and Olivas courses. He distributed copies of the new schedule at the last monthly meeting. More will be available at this next meeting.

Bud Miller has raised the ante for attendance at monthly meetings. He will give you 500 LV Golf Dollars merely for showing up at the meetings, providing you stay until the end.

Why is it so difficult to get the membership to participate? The Board mem-

bers work very hard for the club, and all they ask is that you come to the meetings. Come early and chat with the boys.

The Ladies Club hosted the Chili Bowl on Sunday, Jan. 30, scheduled for the week between the football playoffs and the Super Bowl. As a result, there was a full complement. This shows the thoughtfulness Jack Kirkland has in planning events. In the past, some of us complained about the timing of this event. No excuse this time.

The Annual Membership Reunion will be celebrated at this month's meeting on February 8. More than 25 inactive members were invited to be our guests. Special recognition was given to Alan Bruce and Fritz Betts, both of whom were working for the LVMGA right up to their final illnesses. Alan was doing the handicaps and Fritz was fixing golf clubs and making donations right

up to the end. Both these members set examples we hope others will follow.

On March 3 we play at Mountain View (\$23 plus cart) and on March 24 we play at Cam Springs (\$20 plus cart). Watch Channel 25 for further information.

Writers Club

By Jack Burger

Four new members recently joined our happy group. It is both amazing and amusing to hear the wonderful offerings of our fellow Villagers and to share and be inspired by these presentations.

All types of literature are heard — songs, poetry, fiction, nonfiction, scripts, etc. We are constantly surprised and entertained by the adventures and talent shared. The year 2005 looks very promising, and we all look forward to our

Thursday get-togethers. They are from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Village Room of the Annex. Try it! You'll like it!

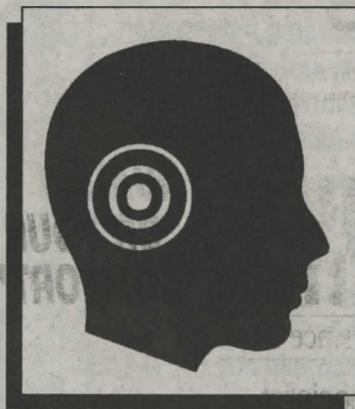
Keyboard Club

By Jules Nayfack

The Keyboard Club originally started as The Organ Club many years ago with seven or eight women who weekly would meet in their individual homes to practice. Over time, as the Village grew, new people got involved. Eventually, piano players joined the club, and we changed the name to the Keyboard Club. Since then, we have obtained a new organ, an electronic keyboard, a new upright piano and a concert grand piano, all of which were donated to the Village.

On Friday, Jan. 14, we had a concert where we showed the Village what the

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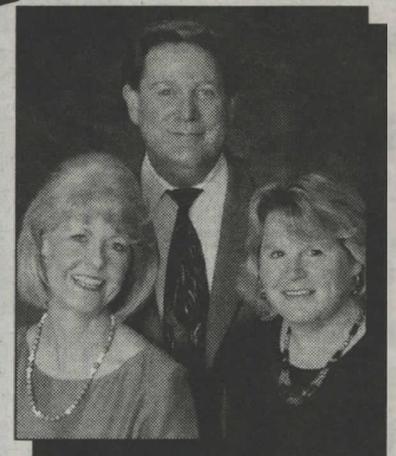


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Keyboard Club is today. Performing were members on the organ, piano, keyboard, clarinet, saxophone and the violin. An added attraction was a fine vocalist. Needless to say, this was, according to the audience, one of the best programs they have seen in the Village. As proof of this, they sat there until 9:40 p.m.

The Keyboard Club is opening its doors to all musicians in the Village to join, whatever the instrument you play.

Beginning Bridge

By Raye Gabriel

Beginning Bridge Classes are Fridays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the G.R. We have learned how and when to open no trump and responses to same. We will be progressing to the situation of the possibility of bidding preempt and responses to that bid.

Do join us for review. You are most welcome. Bridge is a stimulation of the brain which helps us in our daily lives, and then some.

Call 383-0130, Raye Gabriel, Instructor, for any information.

International Folk Dancing

By Raye Gabriel

Classes are Mondays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the A.R. Val Daly, our delightful substitute, will teach new dances and review ones we've learned before. Join us for the delight of dancing to ethnic music and having fun in the activity.

On January 31, we will party at our installation of new officers with sweets and savories. Call 482-5621 for more information.

Square Dance

By Raye Gabriel

We square dance Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. in the A.R. Bill Kramer,

known up and down the coast, is our really fun caller.

Dancing is a musical activity that exercises the mind and reflexes the muscles. Delight in a setting of cooperation and not in competition. Refreshments are served. Call 987-2865 or 484-9928 for more information. We welcome you.

Music Appreciation

By Sheldon Ziff

The Music Appreciation Club will present a special concert by Sean Chen, award-winning concert pianist, on Sunday, Feb. 6, at 2 p.m. in the A.R.. The cost is \$1, and the club will subsidize further expenses. This is a rare opportunity to hear such an outstanding artist.

Sing-a-long Group

By Jules Nayfack

Newcomers and longtime residents: We welcome all of you to our fun-filled get-togethers, which are growing all the time. You will find this to be the most congenial, friendliest group of people in the Village. You don't have to be a good singer, or sing at all, if you don't want to, but if you like having fun, come on down!

Socializing and music start at 7 p.m.; singing and fun start at 7:30. Wear your I.D. badge. We want everyone to get to know one another.

Our next meetings are February 14 and 28 in the A.R. Hope to see you there.

L.V. Womens Golf Association

By Roberta Dearmore

We hope everyone has a wonderful new year. If any member did not receive one of our monthly newsletters, Donna has extra copies. Just give her a call.

Our Chili Bowl and golf tournament on January 30 was a big success once again, with great food plus entertainment — our Village Country Western Line Dancers. Next year, the men will host this event.

The first Ladies Spring Eclectic Major Tournament will be on Feb. 23 and March 2. Entry fee is \$3, net and gross. Nine-hole players must play the front nine holes on both days. Fran Mead, 987-5355, is the chair and the person to contact for this event and more information.

Upcoming regulation golf will be at Las Olivas on Feb. 17. Cost is \$34. Start time is 10:30 a.m. It's low gross and low net. More regulation golf will be on March 17 at Westlake. Cost is \$33. Start time is 9:30 a.m. It's also low gross and low net.

On March 23, the ladies will host the Mixed Doubles Tournament and Picnic in the A.R. Please watch the bulletin board for details.

Women's Club

By JoAnn Burens

On Thursday, Jan. 6, we were entertained by the Rae Huffman family, "Old Time Fiddlers," who included the mother and her three children, ages 6, 10, and 16. These talented people played several familiar songs and even invited us to join them in singing choruses with them. It was a fun afternoon for all of us who were there. Refreshments and socializing finished the afternoon.

Our next Trading Post will be held on Feb. 10. Doors will open at 10 a.m. and stay open until 1 p.m. Please come by for some great buys!

L.V. Bowling League

By Barbara Humphrey

Congratulations to the Number One team after the first half of our bowling season: Jim Dalton, Herb Roberts, Lucy Fiore and

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Sherm Garry.

As usual, our holiday potluck was enjoyed by all. Lots of good food was contributed by everyone.

Our 200-plus scorers the past few weeks were Stan Feldman, Jim Dalton, Don Laird, Harold Brodsky, Les Galvin, Jerry Knopf, Bo Humphrey, Al Schuster, Leonard Belcher and Phil Kamens.

Our side pot winners have been Sonia Hughes, Stan Feldman, Sandi Rosenthal, Mary Ahearn, Mickey Newman, Ginny Cordell, Bo Humphrey, and Jim Dalton.

Good bowling!

Channel 25

By Jack Whalen

How do you like the new time and date symbols on Channel 25? They are attractive and readable, and Channel 25 thanks the New York Club members for making them possible.

Starting in February we are going back to showing most programs at both 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. The exception will always be the repeat of the LVA Open Board Meeting on the Friday following the live telecast on the previous Monday.

Friday, Feb. 4, we will show the Women's Club program "The Fiddlers Four," and Monday, Feb. 7, will be our monthly Open Board Meeting at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 9, will be a repeat of the prior "What Was My Line?" because of Milt Mankoff's recent illness. Get well quickly, Milt.

Feb. 11 will be a repeat of the Board Meeting, while Monday, Feb. 14, will feature our own Lee Edwards' "Movie Reviews."

Wednesday, Feb. 16, features the Keyboard Club Concert of January 14, and Friday, Feb. 18, is the FBI presentation, "Beware Of Scams."

Monday, Feb. 21, features our popular Lillian Hawthorne's "Book Review," and two days later is the

Women's Club "2004 Entertainment Revue."

Friday, Feb. 25, is the entertaining "Frazier," by the Players Guild Workshop, and we close the month's programming on Monday, Feb. 28, with our own "LV 30th Anniversary Newsreel."

Again, a request: We still need a few volunteers who can give several hours a month to Channel 25. Communication is the key, and you'll find it interesting and enjoyable.

Single Active Seniors

By Zelda Greentree

OK, we goofed in last month's ILV article. There was no dinner out, and we showed two movies instead. But at least now we know you're really reading this article! So thank you!

Our installation dinner out will definitely be held on Feb. 8 at Ottavio's Italian Restaurant. Cost is \$15. Please call Sharon for reservations at 389-6834.

This month's movie on Feb. 15 in the Annex is "The Station Agent," and come to the Annex on Feb. 22 for card and game night.

Please watch Channel 25 and look for our posters for all the accurate information on our agenda.

Saturday Night Dance

By Milan Weiss

The Saturday Night Dance Party continues to provide the fun and friendly evenings expected by all who attend. It has been noted that some of the Villagers have been bringing friends or family to these wonderful evening dance parties, and it is hoped that this trend continues.

A schedule of February Saturday Night Dance Parties is as follows: Feb. 5, Jerry Dokken Band, \$4; Feb. 12, The Cotillion Dancers, a 40-minute show, CD music, \$1; Feb. 19, Moore Music, Danny & Delores Moore, \$4; Feb. 26, Music by Choice, Ken & Ginny Baker, \$4. All prices are per person, all dates are Saturday nights. The time 7:30 p.m.

A step beyond the scheduled dance music is the appearance of the Cotillion Dancers on Feb. 19. This very popular group of young people, led by Director Mrs. Gaye Smith, has always been a very big hit here in Leisure Village. They entertain to everyone's delight with enough energy to power a Broadway show! And, they will conclude their performance with their signature "Alley Cat" dance number, which customarily provides a very nice surprise.

Valentine's Day will be celebrated two days early on this evening and will be a celebration throughout the evening.

You want entertainment? It's here for you, almost every week at the LV Saturday Night Dance Party, and you're welcome to be there. Join us. We'd love to see you there!

Country Line Dance

By Ida Kubica

Country Line Dance Workshop meets on

Tuesdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the A.R. For beginners and anyone wanting help with the dance steps, come at 2:45 and Betty Dean will review steps and dances.

It's the second month of the New Year already, and hopefully a healthy one for all.

The Dance Workshop's donation for this year was given to the Camarillo Hospice, a very worthy organization. We now have many members volunteering in some capacity, which

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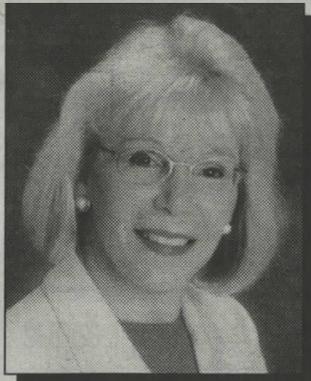
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helps to make our club a very productive one.

Come as regularly as possible to help plant the dances in your brain. Repetition is the key to learning. Rhoda Smithkin, President and Dance Instructor, is conducting the class as she has done for many years. She has held the class together by serving in many ways for our class and dancing enjoyment.

Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here, we might as well dance.

Concerned Homeowners

By Ed Olson

The regular monthly meeting of the Concerned Homeowners Club was held at 7:30 p.m. on January 13 in the Multi-Purpose Room. The speaker was Deborah Sutherland, a volunteer attorney with Grey Law of Ventura County. She discussed the various programs available to seniors and explained that Grey Law is a private, non-profit charitable organization founded in 1979 to provide free legal services to seniors in Ventura County relating to Social Security, Medicare, Medi-Cal and SSI, Long-Term Care issues, consumer matters, Power of Attorney, and other concerns. Grey Law does not handle criminal cases, divorces, immigration cases, personal injury actions, bankruptcies or probate cases. The presentation was not only informative, but the speaker's humor was infectious. Questions were asked and answered.

A business meeting followed, and officers elected for 2005 were: President, Robert Bond; Vice-President, Vincent Freeman; Secretary, Jeffrey Cohen; and Treasurer, Sylvia Stoller.

The following committee chairs were approved: Publicity, Ethel Ann Pemberton; Telephone Committee, Connie

Kremnitzer.

The February meeting regularly scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room may be changed. Please watch Channel 25 and see the Bulletin Board in the Recreation Center for the exact date. An open discussion will be held, and members are encouraged to bring their issues and concerns to the February meeting with them.

Everyone is welcome to attend and participate. Refreshments will be served.

Weight Control

By Connie Santangelo

Do you want to lose some weight? Our Weight Control Club is here to help you. We meet every Tuesday morning in the Garden Room. Our weigh-in is from 8 to 8:30 a.m., and our meeting starts at 8:30.

We have many awards and incentives to help you reach your goal. All you need is motivation.

Our admission fee is \$3, and our dues are \$1 per month. See you Tuesday morning!

For more information, call Connie Santangelo at 484-7463 or Doris La Prell at 983-6393.

Billiard Club

By Sam Kay

A new year, a new temporary writer and a new board of directors. Can you think of a better way to start a year off?

A great many thanks to Milan Weiss for the many informative columns written in past years.

A great year of fun activities is being planned, and your participation is invited. Become a member to enjoy all of the Billiard Club events throughout the year. The open house, ice cream social, picnic in the park

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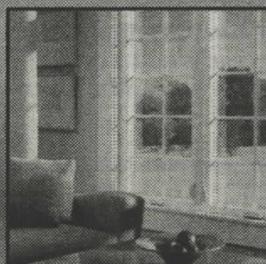
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and fresh popcorn (our own brand!) are one-of-a-kind fun events. Dues are \$7 yearly.

Our first activity for the year will be a 9-ball tournament starting Feb. 14 and ending Feb. 25. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the Billiard Room. You must be a paid-up member to participate. Tournament play is one-on-one and will not only test your skills but sharpen your game as well.

Even if you don't play, it's fun to come out and watch the competition.

Solo Club

By Cleo Cooney

We will install our new slate of club officers at our February Potluck Dinner. It will be held in the A.R. at 6 p.m. Feb. 11. If your last name starts with A-D, bring a main dish; E-Q, bring dessert; and R-Z, bring salad.

The February Brown Bag Lunch will be at 12:30 p.m. Feb. 18, in the Sun Room. The business meeting will follow at 1 p.m. Please join us.

If you have any questions, call Marion at 484-5112 or Cleo at 482-8395.

Happy Hoofers

By Ida Zeller

Dance, dance, dance! That's what the Hoofers are doing. For those of us who have put on a few pounds over the holidays, what a great way to take them off! Dancing is fun and so good for the heart.

So, if you have a basic tap background, why don't you join us each Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the A.R.? Come down and observe. Now is a good time as we are learning a new dance.

For more information, call 484-9882.

Veterans Club

By Martin Alfred

We started the year with a very exciting January meeting. Our guest speaker, Tom Morgenfeld, a retired Navy captain and test pilot, has flown some of the world's fastest fighter planes. It was truly a privilege to have him tell of his many experiences.

Our next meeting is Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the MPR. Col. George Compton, Ret., is head of the Ventura County Veterans Service Office and will bring us up to date. He is a great friend of ours and we look forward to seeing him again. All are invited.

For more information, call Marty at 389-1610.

Woodshop

By Martin Alfred

The Woodshop Committee is starting off the new year after a very successful 2004 when they completed 304 repairs and assists for residents.

Our expert woodworkers are all primed up for your problem repairs, so bring them in to the shop on Wednesday mornings.

A few weeks ago, I was showing the shop to some guests and saw a beautiful end table that one of our men was making. It's just one example of the professional workmanship.

Garden Club

By Naomi Balfour

The LV Garden Club will meet in the Multi-Purpose Room on Feb. 17 at 9:30 a.m. After a friendly half hour of socializing and goodies, the business meeting and program will start.

The \$5 dues for 2005 are payable now, by check please.

The speaker will be Bob Vanderhaven, who will tell us about beautiful Yosemite, along with movies he has taken. Some of the members may have heard Bob before and know how interesting his presentations are. Come early and bring a friend so we can be off to a good year.

Players Guild

By Leonard Eskovitz

The next meeting of the Players Guild will be on Thursday, Feb. 17, and will

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feature a musical workshop program directed by Ginny Naspo with the theme of "Songs of the Heart." It's a great selection of favorite tunes composed and made popular by some of the greatest of our times — some funny, some sad and some happy. There are songs that will pull on your heartstrings and are sung by a cast of our favorite Players Guild singers.

A great entertainment to look forward to will be the Players Guild presentation of the hit musical, "Hello Dolly." Watch for ticket sales to begin in March with performances for four nights and one matinee starting Wednesday, April 27, through Sunday, May 1.

Jazzercise

By Cathy Friedman

Jazzercise combines the art of jazz dance with the best of today's hottest music to make Jazzercise fun.

Each class is approximately 60 minutes and incorporates these components: a warm-up segment comprising gentle rhythmic movements and jazz isolations for individual muscle groups; an aerobic segment to increase cardiovascular fitness and burn calories; an aerobic cool-down segment to reduce heart rate; a muscle-toning segment with weights to strengthen the hips, thighs, derriere,

abdomen, upper torso and arms; and a final cool-down segment to return the heart rate to normal.

This is a great way to have fun, meet people and get in shape. We have a wonderful instructor and a great group of people in the class. We meet every Wednesday in the A.R. from 9 to 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome, so why not give the class a try? Hope to see you there!

Computer Club

By Ron Petersen

Well, the holiday season has come and gone, and now we all are faced once again with our annual burden — collecting and organizing all of our financial records from last year so that we can file our income tax returns, and, hopefully, minimize our taxes — legally, of course. Some people use computer software for filing their tax returns; some people use professionals like enrolled agents or accountants to help them collect, organize and file the information; some do the whole job themselves by getting the 1040s and filling in the blanks.

But whatever means people use to prepare returns, we all have one job in common: We first have to find and organize all our financial data for the entire year before we can fill out the forms. Is it a burden keeping and finding all those

records from the past 12 months? You bet it is! Do most of us do a good job of it? We do not!

So, you'll be surprised and very pleased to learn that the Computer Club can show you a painless way to keep accurate and complete records throughout the year so that you won't have to go scratching and cursing throughout every nook and cranny in your home, looking for the right records every year.

On Friday, Jan. 28, Computer Club President Max Heller demonstrated how to utilize spreadsheet software, such as the very versatile Microsoft Excel, to assist us in keeping good records for income tax purposes. He also showed why the better your recordkeeping is, the better will be your ability to claim and defend your tax deductions.

Keep checking Channel 25 for information about upcoming Computer Club activities.

Farmers Club

By Marjorie Deniston

It's time to renew membership in the club, if you have not already done so. Our president, Kenney Nelson, suggests that there are three easy ways: Meet Joe Dishlip in the garden with \$5 in hand (that's per person please) payable in cash or check made payable

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to The Farmers Club; mail a check (no cash) to Georgia Griswold at 22108 Village 22, Camarillo, CA 93012; or leave the check at the Recreation Center marked for Joe Dishlip.

If you are not now a member of this club but would like to join, please talk with our president, Kenney Nelson, at 384-9255 or e-mail him at kenney.nelson2@verizon.net. We meet as a club just four times a year, with a yearly dues of just \$5 each member. A membership gives you not only your own patch of ground, but also great tips on gardening, the therapy and exercise of digging, planting and harvesting your own vegetables, and the camaraderie of friends interested in the joys of gardening.

The next general meeting will be held in the Multi-Purpose room on March 4 at 2 p.m. For garden hints, you might want to check with Kenney Nelson. He has a list of preferred vegetable seeds and plants. And if members have any garden hints they would like to share, call him.

Please check the garden carefully before you leave to be sure that a fellow gardener will not be locked in.

Mark your calendar for the March 4 meeting.

RV Club

By Bill Gardner

The Leisure Village RV Club had its annual Christmas Party at the Bard

Mansion in December at the Naval Base, Port Hueneme. Each person in attendance donated a gift for a child in need, and approximately 70 were received.

The new officers for the year 2005 were introduced. The outgoing officers were acknowledged, and a plaque was awarded to Past President Gene Eyraud.

On January 4, the club had a dine-out at the Crab House in Camarillo that was well attended.

Our January 18 meeting had our 2005 officers in place to start our new year. They are: President, Jim Cooke; 1st V.P., Zack Taylor; 2nd V.P., Bill Gardner; 3rd V.P., Bette Williams; Secretary, Dorothy Vasquez; Treasurer, Syl Horwald. The balance of the committee positions will be announced and the dine-outs and the campouts for 2005 will be forthcoming.

All Leisure Village residents are invited to attend and join the R.V. club for fun and adventure, with or without an R.V.

Ceramics Plus

By Martin Ettinger

If you wish some excellent instruction in ceramic technique, come to Donna Stave's class on Saturday mornings. Her class is free-wheeling (pun intended) and open to both the novice and experienced.

President Robert Nathan and his wife, Ruth, arranged for a visit to the Beatrice Wood Studio on Saturday morning, Jan. 22.

The Alliance for the Arts, an umbrella program from

the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza, has donated free tickets, bus transportation and dessert for the Glen Miller Tony Martin Concert at the center. Flo and Jerry Doctrow of our Education and Recreation Committee distributed two tickets to clubs in the Village for a lottery. The lucky winner in our club was Gertrude Stern.

Bocce Ball

By Fran Cohen

On Friday, Jan. 28, we had our Installation of Officers for 2005 plus a delicious catered dinner of chicken and tri-tip. Our officers for this new year are Sy Blau, President; Claudia Roberts, Vice President; Betty Herrmann, Secretary; and Irv Cohen, Treasurer.

All the rain we received turned our bocce courts into swimming pools for awhile. When the courts are dry, we are out there on Monday and Thursday mornings at 10 a.m., having lots of fun. We would love to have you join us.

Camera Club

By Jerry Cohen

The January competition was judged by professional photographer/instructor Bill Lockridge. The Assigned category was People, and the winning picture was by Judy Spector, followed in second place by Gerry Kaplan, and Betty Murray

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earned third place. Honorable Mentions were by Bill Robinson and Duane Waln.

In the Open division, the winner was Ed Pollaine, with Don Treadwell taking second place, and third place was by Marlene Votion. The Honorable Mentions were awarded to Vic Fledge and Jerry Cohen.

The winning picture in the Modified Digital category was by Jerry Spector, followed by Bill Robinson in second place, and Gerry Kaplan took third place.

Everyone is invited to join the Camera Club and enter the competitions, which are held the first Wednesday of each month. Interesting program nights are on the third Wednesday of each month. All Villagers are invited to attend the meetings held in the MPR starting at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments follow.

Leisure Village Travel

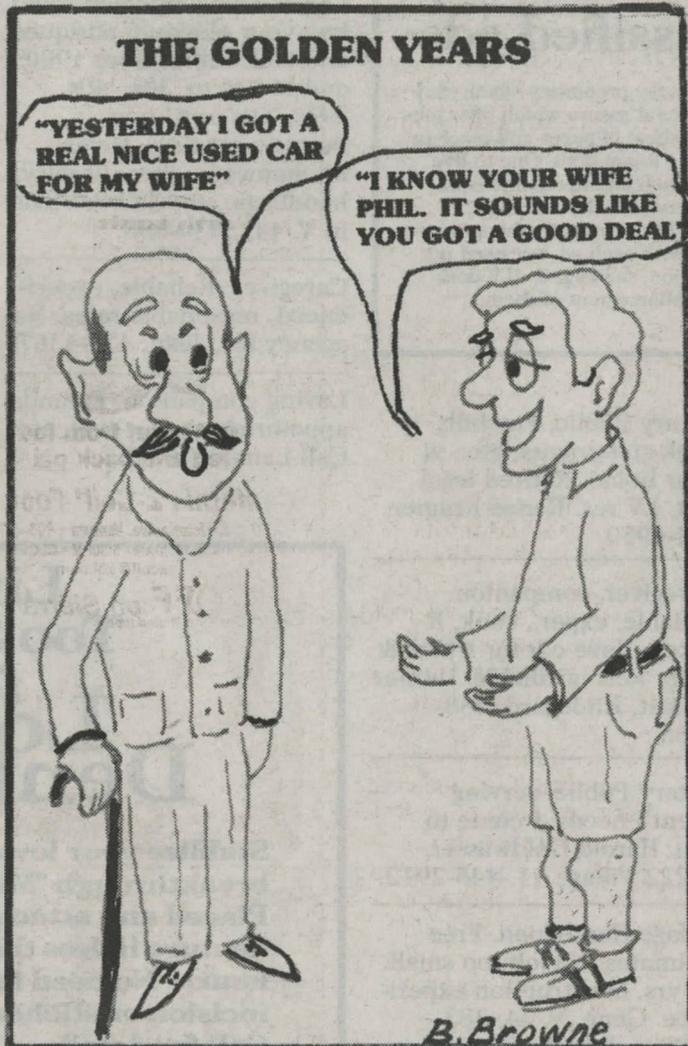
By Eugene Foxman

One of the most pleasurable retirement activities is traveling. Here in Leisure Village we have our very own travel service available to all residents.

Members of the LV Travel Committee are volunteers who have one purpose: to render a service to the Villagers. The Travel Committee arranges many interesting trips for you. Some of the popular trips include Las Vegas, Laughlin, museums, plays, musicals and dinner theaters.

Current trips are posted on the outside of the window and on the bulletin board just inside the east entrance of the Recreation Center. Channel 25 carries the same information. Trips are sold at the Recreation Center on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. The phone number is 482-8062.

We are a non-profit group, so we can sell trips at the lowest possible prices. We urge you to take advan-



tage of this service. If you have an idea for a trip, please let us know your desires and we will try to make all the arrangements.

Racquet Club

By Anne Wolfson

The Racquet Club meets the second Wednesday of the month in the Multi-Purpose Room and invites all tennis, paddle tennis, and table tennis players to join.

At our January meeting, Jerry Cohen gave a slide presentation of "A Day At the Zoo," with his hilarious captions. We all had a big laugh, which was needed, after all the rainy days we had just had!

The trip to Las Vegas was discussed, the date to be decided after enough people sign up. There will be a pad-

dle tennis tournament between Leisure Village and Las Vegas. It should be lots of fun, so sign up soon.

We hope you all had a very happy, healthy new year. Stay well, keep playing, and see you at the Feb. 9 meeting!

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Village Painters

By Aurelie Zachary

Following our Jan. 5 monthly meeting, Barbara Welch, artist, demonstrated her special technique using carbon paper she crumpled into a tight ball, straightened, tore and ironed onto paper or a colored matte board. Her theme was American Indian folklore, of which she is very knowledgeable. She showed slides of her pictures that were too large to carry. We were impressed with those and the two smaller ones she brought.

Pictures in the library for the months of February and

March will be by artists Sylvia Wachter and Rea Williams. You will be impressed by their use of pastels.

L.V. Chorale

By Elise Perlmutter

Our February 4 concert was canceled, but another concert will be performed in the near future. More information will follow about that.

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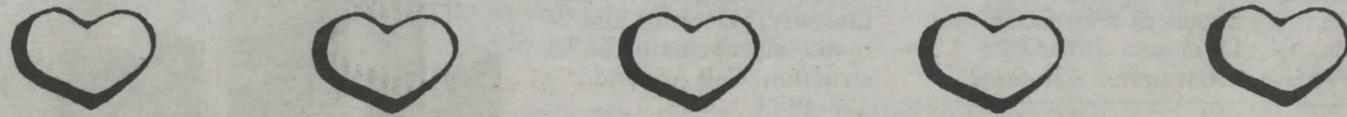
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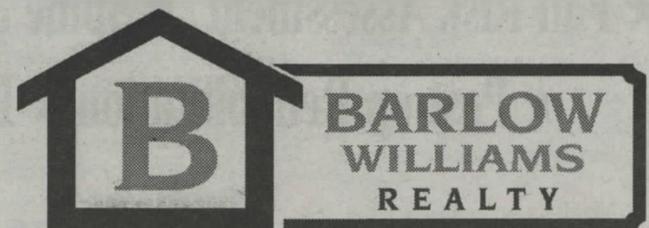
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