

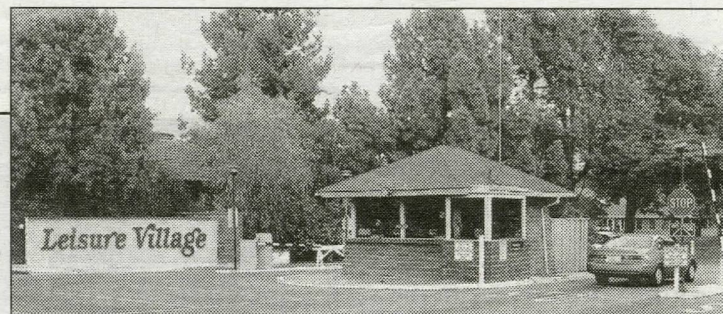
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It's not too late to run for board on June 24

By Joseph Benti

On June 24, the homeowners of Leisure Village face the crucial test of what it means to be a part of this community: It is election day.

We will be voting for two new two-year terms on the Association's Board of Directors. The two elected will join the other three

members in determining much about how the quality of our lives unfolds in the coming months.

Perhaps, more importantly to many, the board is the single body that makes the final money decisions that pay for that quality of life we have bought into. It will decide how much money we spend and how it is spent —

no small potatoes, either. Currently, the operating budget is slightly more than \$8.5 million, which we pay for in assessment fees.

By now, it is a cliché, even for a newcomer like me — we moved in last July — to say that whatever we get as homeowners will be what we deserve, mostly because of what we let hap-

pen by our votes and participation, or our lack of voting and not participating in the life of this community, other than to use the services somebody else decides. Veteran residents decry the lack of involvement on the part of those of us who are new to the Village and those who have been here longer but who also lack the inter-

est in becoming active participants in the community.

That apparent universal lack of interest, they say, is the result of too many of us not making the connection between our involvement and what's good or bad about living here.

Who are the ideal candidates for the board? Who

Please see **ELECTION** on 13

Starting April 21, 'Play On!'

By Cathy Friedman

I want to tell you a little about the play, "Play On."

A theatre group tries desperately to put on a play, amid all kinds of maddening interference from its authoress, Phyllis, who keeps revising the

Please see **PLAY** on 12



Rehearsing 'Play On' are, from left, Max Heller, Cathy Friedman, Doris Siegel, Joyce Belcher, Bob Gibson, Annie Robinson, Don Seidler, Ida Zeller, Dick Berman and Millie Murphy.

Yom Hashoah is April 18

Yom Hashoah, the Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust, is a non-sectarian event observed yearly — nationally, as well as in our community.

This year, it will take place at Temple Ner Ami in Camarillo on Sunday, April 18, from 2 to 3 p.m.

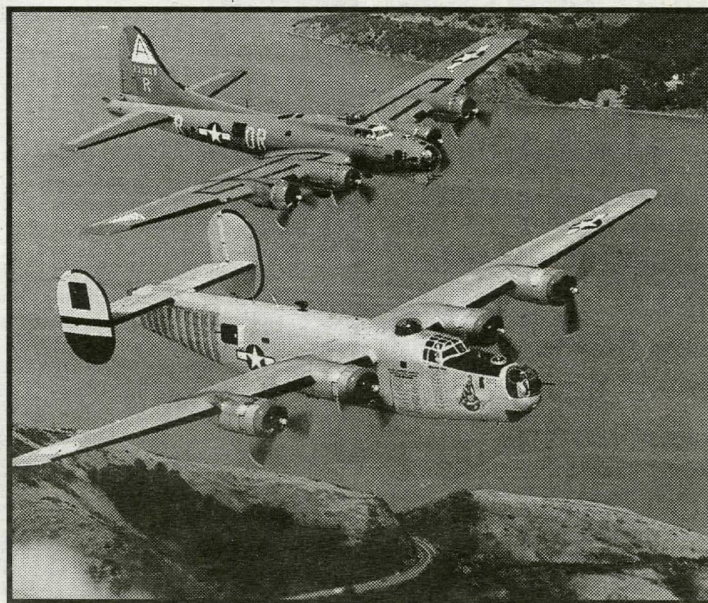
The program will include proclamations by Kathy Long of the Ventura County Board of Supervisors; Don Waunch, mayor of the City of Camarillo; Dr. Richard Rush, President of California State University-Channel Islands; and Dr. Charles Weis, Ventura

County Superintendent of Schools.

The 19 Holocaust survivors living in Camarillo will also be recognized.

Invocation will be delivered by the Rev. R. Todd Boulding, and Rabbi Michael Lotker will be the keynote speaker. The program will also feature a musical interlude and special prayers.

Temple Ner Ami is located at 4098 Calle Tesoro, Unit D, in Camarillo, off Flynn Road. Everyone is invited to attend. Admission is free, and refreshments will be served.



Vintage warplanes will fly into Camarillo on April 20.

Warbirds flying into Camarillo

The Collings Foundation B-24 and B-17 will be making a stop at Camarillo Airport.

The warbirds will arrive Tuesday, April 20, at approximately 3 p.m. and will be available for tours and rides until 7 p.m. Thursday, April 22. You may watch the planes departing at 9 a.m. Friday morning.

Please see **WARBIRDS** on 16

LETTERS

I have been a resident in Leisure Village since December 16 of last year. I tend to read everything in print about a new environment to become fully aware of its nature. Two articles in the February issue must be commented on. I only regret that I missed the March issue cutoff date, so that this letter, if printed, can only make the April issue at the earliest.

On Page 6 of that issue, an article was found titled, "The 100 percent solution," by a Mr. Joseph Benti. I do not know this gentleman, but I must take issue with his math. Toward the end of the article, he states that "each of us actually owns 2,136th share ----." This statement is mathematical gibberish. If the number 2,136 represents all the owners in Leisure Village, that statement should read "owns 1/2136th share." That means that each property is one of the 2,136 total, and the share is a ratio as I have shown. Mr. Benti does find his way to the correct percentage representation (.00468 per-

cent).

This small gaffe would ordinarily be overlooked except that I then find another article by Mr. Benti on Page 1, and at the end of it, on Page 8, he makes the outrageous statement that an item of the budget "will

be cut by 200 percent."

This is nonsense. It is impossible to reduce anything by more than 100 percent! Once 100 percent has been removed, nothing is left. It cannot be reduced further. The idea that water for the golf course can be reduced to zero is absurd, more so to propose it to be reduced even further.

Mr. Benti may have been able to establish himself as a "percentage theory expert" in one article, but he certainly destroyed that result with the other.

— Ted Lansing, V. 3



The Rhythmettes rehearse for their winter show. The group includes, from left, Marion Tavano, Piff DeSimone, Ann Gaynes, Jeanette Ventura, Helen Judd, Lilli Baker, Jean Aird, Sophie Brown and Irene Olson, pianist not shown. For more on the Rhythmettes, see Page 19.

We are so lucky in the Village

By Bob Koster

Just think for a moment. We live in Leisure Village. This means that we live in the upper echelons of income levels of the United States.

The United States. The Grand Experiment. And historically speaking, the experiment is still going on. It has worked thus far, and very well, but it is evolving, as we are evolving, as our technology is evolving.

Emotionally and nationally, we are very young. If we consider that the Roman

Please see **LUCKY** on 3

Deadlines for next month

The Display Advertising deadline for the May 2004 issue will be Monday, April 12, at 5 p.m. Deadline for letters, club news, stories and photos is Saturday, April 17, at 5 p.m. Publication is scheduled for May 7. 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 Golden Years



Starting last month, Inside Leisure Village began publishing these cartoons by LV resident Bob Browne.

LUCKY

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Empire, now long dead, lasted more than 1,000 years, and the Egyptian Empire existed for more than 3,000 years, our mere 228 years of nationhood is a pittance. A mere eye-blink of time.

Consider this: The Olympic Games have been in existence since 1896. That is 110 years old. The original Olympic Games, held in ancient Greece, were founded in 776 B.C. by the Greeks and were eventually suppressed by the Roman Emperor Theodosius in 393 A.D. They existed for 1,170 years!

And consider this: Each four-year period (known in Greece as an Olympiad), all wars were put on hold for the period of the Games to allow the athletes to travel freely to the games and home again. Our little 110-year-old Games, with all the attendant violence, seems puny in comparison. And are we more mature than the ancients? Why can't we think of stopping all wars for the month or two of the Games?

Not too long ago, American Heritage Magazine polled the leading American historians on the most influential advances of the last century. Some mentioned the telephone, by which information can be transmitted instantaneously around the world. Some mentioned the airplane, which can transport people

with unbelievable speed from one continent to another.

But the one area these historians all agreed had more of an impact on humanity as a whole than any other is: medicine.

When my parents were kids, the average life expectancy, even in the United States, was around 45 years of age. Men lived a little less; ladies lived a little longer because they are naturally a little harder than men are. Nowadays that age is pushing 80. Even in foreign countries with really poor medical facilities, where there is a much higher infantile death rate than we have, average life expectancy is getting up into the high 50s of years. This has engendered a humongous population explosion that only now is beginning to level off.

But here in Leisure Village, we expect — and we receive — the very best and latest medical attention. Our own security travels with defibrillators, devices unheard of a few decades ago. CPR is commonly practiced. A nearby hospital can handle anything from pneumonia to multiple fractures with the very latest scientific devices. Smallpox and polio have been almost entirely eradicated. Why, when I was in school, tuberculosis

hospitals were common in the country, where the air was supposed to cure the ill. They don't exist anymore, mostly because TB also has been nearly eradicated.

When I was young, driving a car was an event. You had to put the key in the lock, push the starter lever — whether on the floor or

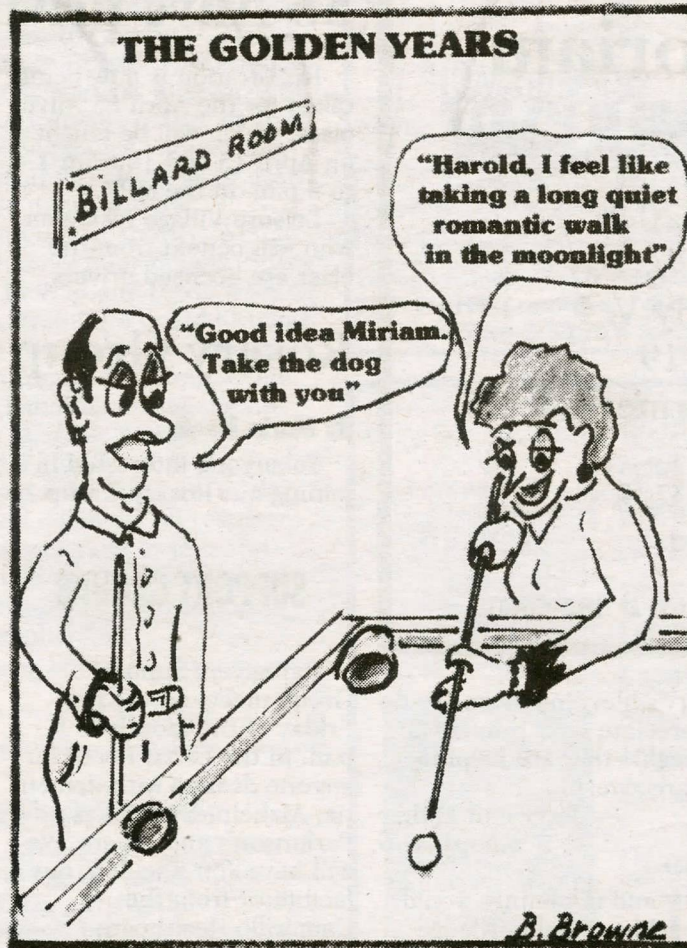
on the dashboard — shift gears, and you always carried a spare tire because you never knew when your tires would blow. And they did with astonishing regularity. Nowadays we get into a car, start it, and drive across country without giving it a second thought. We remember the days when

this was not so, but thankfully our children do not. Time marches on.

We live in a magical time. Nothing in our early experience could possibly have prepared us for the immense impact that computers have made on our lives. We could not have dreamt of such a thing when we were children. But here it is.

With all this goodness around us, we tend to try to find things to complain about that really have little bearing on our lives. Possibly this is so because we have little of importance to complain about. So we complain about the length of the grass on our lawn or the color of the paint on our buildings. We find nearly invisible potholes to complain about, and we complain when security is trying to save another life by using sirens.

What we should be doing, really, is to thank our lucky stars that we are fortunate enough to live here, in this town, in this country, in this era. Just think of the millions of people who are not this lucky. Then maybe we will appreciate our surroundings, our neighbors, our Village more. This precious Village. The thought will give us perspective on our picayune complaints and maybe help us to see things in their proper light.



Celebration canceled

To all my Leisure Village friends:

Unfortunately, arrangements for the use of the AR on Sunday, May 23, for my 90th birthday celebration had to be canceled.

— Len Koenig,
V. 42



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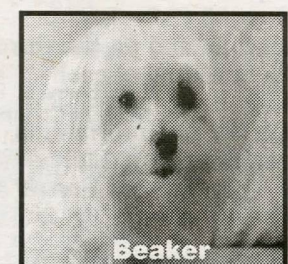
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Helene Marshall, formerly V. 25
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Michael Glickman, V. 8
Betty Simmons, V. 4

For memoriams, call Jean Aird at 482-6660.

A big thank you to all you wonderful people: the lady at the gate who took my call for help on December 21, to our security patrolmen who administered to me, the firemen and the paramedics. I very much appreciate your services. God bless you.

— Monica Smith, V. 25

Sincere thanks to all friends who wish me a fast recovery. Every thought is appreciated and is helping.

— Marion Jayne, V. 13

Jerry and I want to thank all our many friends in the Village for your cards, phone calls, and support given us since my open heart surgery and

Jerry's bleeding ulcer. We do appreciate your prayers and thoughts that are helping our recovery.

— Jerry and Esther Knopf, V. 6

I and my family would like to acknowledge with appreciation the love and sympathy of our neighbors at the time of the death of my husband, Earl Gordon. Their kind expressions of concern were a big help during our period of loss. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

— Peggy Gordon, V. 34

55 Alive driving class set for April 15-16

Registration is now being taken for the April 55 Alive class, which will be taught on April 15 and 16 from 1 to 5 p.m. in the MPR.

Leisure Village residents who will benefit from the class are licensed drivers

who will be entitled to a discount on automobile insurance, and drivers 70 and older who are preparing for the written test for driver's license renewal.

The cost is \$10 per person, and you must be pre-

registered and pre-paid by check. To make arrangements for this or to get more information, call Naomi Balfour at 987-9851, or Ruth Miller at 987-8162.

Rosary Group meets Friday mornings at 11

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.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Caregivers Support Group meets on the first Friday of the month at 1 p.m. in the Lanai Room for anyone dealing with dementia, Alzheimer's strokes, Parkinson's and others. We will have Jim Sheldon, our facilitator from the Camarillo Healthcare District. It is all confidential. For information, call 482-6660.

The Bereavement Support Group meets every Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Lanai or Sun Room. We are a good group, we support each other, and it is all confidential. For information, call 482-6660.



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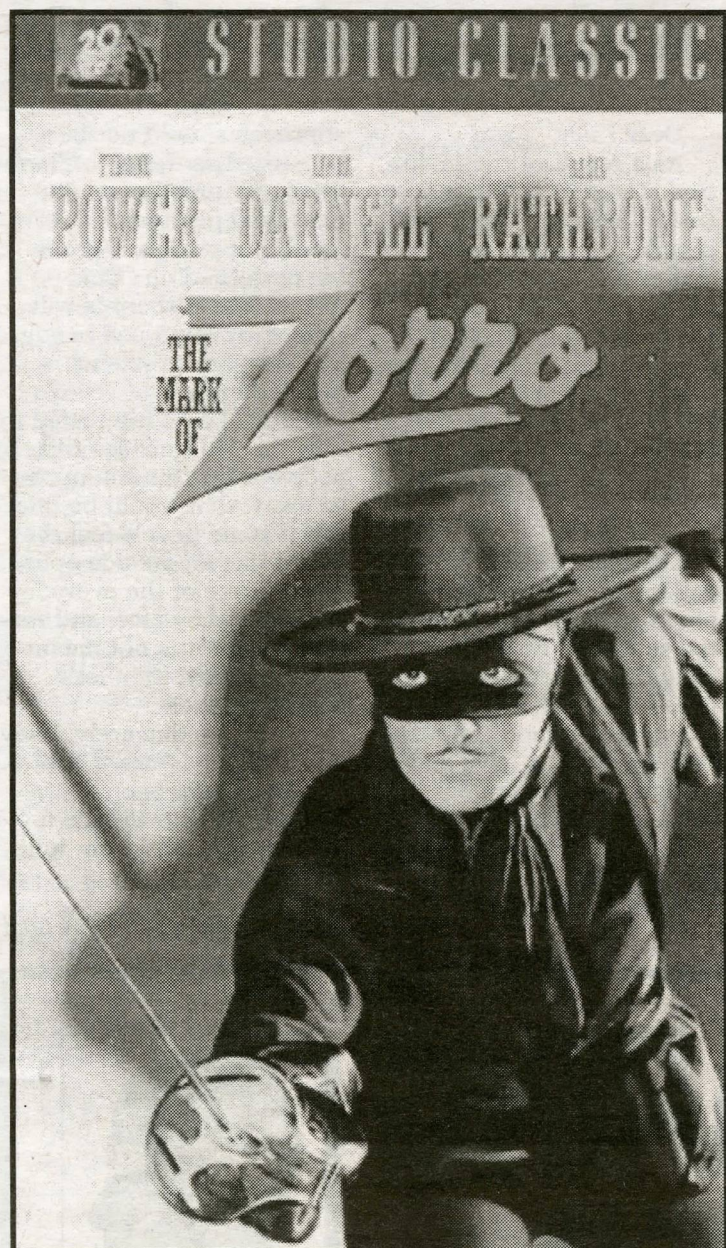


Tikvah Group sets meeting for April 16

By Selma Lich

The Tikvah Group will meet on Friday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m. at Temple 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.

CLASSIC FILMS



The movie poster for 'The Mark of Zorro'

'Mark of Zorro' screens Sunday at 7 p.m. in AR

By Bob Koster

As we mentioned before, for this month, on April 4, Sunday, at 7 p.m. in the AR, we will see the grand old swashbuckler, "Mark of Zorro," starring Tyrone Power and Linda Darnell.

Tyrone Power was one of the great romantic lead actors in the stable of 20th Century-Fox. He acted on a film that my Dad directed, "Luck of the Irish," a rework of the old "Brigadoon" story. Of course, I think that Dad's version is better. We'll show that soon.

"The Mark of Zorro" was itself a remake of the 1920 film "The Mark of Zorro," starring Douglas Fairbanks, Sr. He also wrote the script, which he took from the Johnston McCulley novel, "The Curse of Capistrano." McCulley later went on to write a series of books with the central character Don Diego de la Vega, aka Zorro. He even wrote one novel titled, "The Mark of Zorro." He was published in several languages and was famous in Europe for "La Marque de Zorro," and "Im

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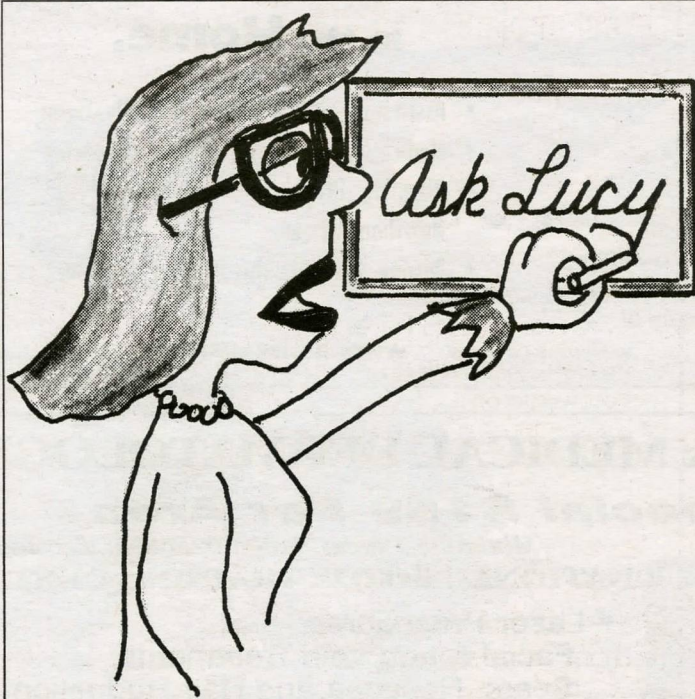


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'Lucy' is like a tomato: Take it with a grain of salt



Starting this month, ILV is publishing this personal advice column. "Ask Lucy" is being offered for entertainment and information and is not to be construed as advice from a licensed therapist.

Submit your questions or Dear Abby-type problems to "Ask Lucy" and deposit them in the ILV Box in the Rec Center. Or, submit by e-mail to whatsyourproblem@verizon.net.

Dear Lucy,
As a result of the invitation stated in last month's Inside Leisure Village for people to send in their problems, I received two phone calls. The callers expressed concern that people might construe this column as therapy and it might cause harm to the reader. What do you think?
— Gerry Levenfeld

Dear Gerry:
I can appreciate that the callers are worried that people might take this column too seriously. So let me allay their fears. The purpose of the column is to examine common problems that many of us have and explore some common-sense approaches to it. In last month's request for problems, I was very clear in stating that the

approach should not be construed as therapy. There are many excellent therapists who provide this service. My approach is probably patterned on "Dear Abby." The responses will reflect my approach to solving everyday problems — nothing more.

Gerry, I'd be interested in how the Villagers see this. If people want this column to go away, that would be fine. But if some people feel they would like an outside opinion to some of the everyday problems they face, and recognize that it is not meant to be therapy, then let's hear from them.

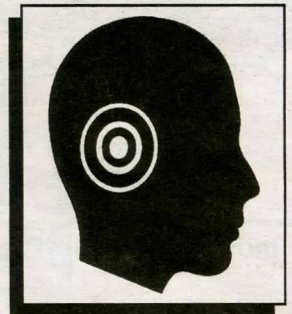
— Sincerely, Lucy

Dear Lucy,
I moved into Village 6 months ago, and I am lone-

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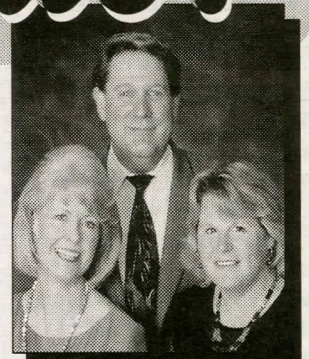
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ASK LUCY

LUCY

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ly. I can't seem to make any friends, and I can't move. What should I do?

— Lonely in Leisure Village

Dear Lonely,

Based on your letter I am going to presume that you are either single, widowed or divorced, and I am going to approach my response based on that.

You have made a move to your first method of improving the situation. You have read Inside Leisure Village and you sent me a letter. Great first step. The rest are as follows:

- Read this issue carefully. Review all the clubs and try attending some of the meetings. If anything appeals to you, volunteer to be on a committee. Free labor is always wanted.

- Go to Single Active Seniors. They meet each Tuesday evening. They vary their programs: speakers, games, discussions. You'll meet people who are interested in keeping their minds and bodies active.

- Many of the committees are always looking for volunteers, such as the Building and Grounds Committee and the Emergency Committee. The benefit of joining either of these committees is that the members interact with many of the people in the Village.

- Take a good look at all the trips offered by the Travel Committee. Many of them are for one day and you will get to know many people. Some are overnight and you may be able to share your room with someone. If that's not possible, then invest in your happiness and go alone. You will be traveling with a group of people who will be there for the meals and other activities.

- Join the Exercise Club. They meet every morning at 8:30 and have mild exercises that keep the circulation going. They are a friendly group of people.

- Go swimming, even if

you are a walker and not a swimmer. The pool is designed so that half the pool is devoted to people who walk back and forth, while leaving the other half for the real swimmers.

Leisure Village has many activities to keep you busy all day long. And don't overlook all the groups from outside the Village that list their activities in the entrance from the east parking lot. Your problem will be which activity to choose.

Let us know how you are faring. Leisure Village is a warm, caring community, but you have to get out and meet the people to find out.

— Sincerely, Lucy

Readers: Do you have any suggestions? Please write and let us know and we'll print them in the next issue.

Dear Lucy,

Am I suffering a generation gap? I get along very well with my two children and their mates, but I don't seem to relate the same way with their children — my grandchildren. They look at us as though we are an out-of-space species.

Do you have any good advice on how to behave around them? Because of distance, my husband and I see the grandchildren about four times a year with a week being the average visit.

A girl and boy in each family are all in grades 4 through 8, ages 8 to 24, and make up our four-grandkid family. Their interests, I believe, are computers and sports. Ours are finance and economics.

Your suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

— Mary J.

Dear Mary,

Your concerns are quite common with grandparents. Some even have problems communicating with their children, no less the grandkids. There are a few techniques to consider.

- If you have access to a computer, find out their screen names and send them weekly communications about what you are doing. Even though they

may not be interested in finance and economics, they are probably interested in college. And your efforts in finance and economics may advance their goals for the future. Grandchildren are really quite bright.

- Call them weekly or monthly just to say hello. No third degree, just say "Hi," and leave your love. If they have their own line and are not home, just leave a message. Most phone answering systems have the ability for each family member to have his/her own voice mail for messages. If that's available, make use of it.

- Even though it may drive you crazy, try watching MTV or VH1. I know these cable stations don't exactly fit into our way of thinking, and it might not be for your grandchildren, but these are the social influences on their lives.

A side note: My granddaughter told me about a young man in her group and he had a six-pack. I was shocked and asked if he wasn't too young to be drinking. She looked at me with pity and said, "No, Grandma, that means he has muscles in his abdomen! That's what a six-pack is!" Learn their language; it is really illuminating and somewhat humiliating.

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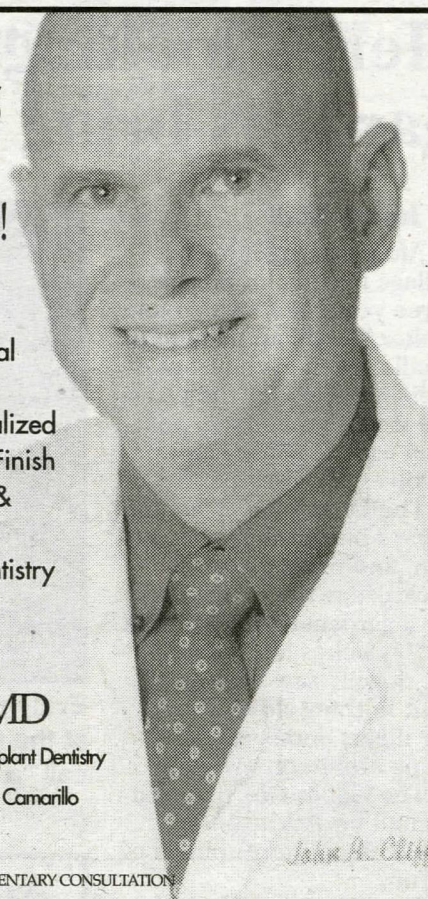
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Here's looking at you: Goodmans' gardens bring beauty to Village

By Joseph Benti

After moving into the Village from Palm Springs three years ago, Evalyn and Walter Goodman planted a small garden at the front of their property for the pleasure it gives them and what they call, "a sense of involvement with nature."

The Goodmans, who are always puttering in the garden, and in another out back, leave the heavy stuff for a gardener's weekly visit.

"My aches and pains slow me down," says Walter.

"But nothing slows down my major domo, my landscape architect, my wife"

The Goodmans installed a small birdbath so they could enjoy more sounds of nature.

There is a small stone pagoda and a stone sculpture (a gift from their son who lives with his family in nearby in Agoura) for contemplative reflections, "sort of Transcendental Meditation," says Walter.

Their interest in beautifying their surroundings extends to the Village common property behind their El Dorado model home.

"There were some landscaping problems out back,"



Evalyn and Walter Goodman maintain a small garden at the front of their property. It gives them what they call "a sense of involvement with nature."

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said Walter, who wrote to the Administration and got immediate and satisfactory response.

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pleasures they get, the Goodmans hope that their efforts not only maintain the value of their residence but bring pleasure to others.

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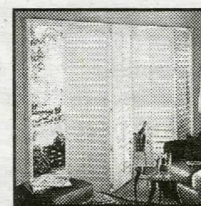
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ODDS AND ENDS

Everything will be coming up 'xeris'

By Joseph Benti

Until I started writing this report, I had never heard of the word "xeris." Before I finished, I became convinced it is a word to describe what we all will learn, sooner rather than later.

Begin with the word, xeriscape, which, despite my ignorance, my wife had heard about 15 years ago.

Xeri, from the Greek word xeros, meaning dry, when coupled with scape, meaning view or scene, gives us xeriscape.

As in places all over the Southwest, Leisure Village residents will see more and more xeriscapes in the years to come. It is the economical and practical alternative to being soaked dry by the increasing waste and costs of the water we use (mostly waste) to create and maintain our longstanding, almost ingrained idea of the perfect landscape, "the eastern look."

The desire to keep that look is part of what many bring with us in our memo-

ry back from eastern childhoods and early years. It is evident in almost every village where the grass may have browned out for a variety of reasons, often not the lack of water. Here and there, one sees residents taking it upon themselves to hook up their garden hoses to the tap that brings in their household water. Not only do they water Association land (common property of us all) and increase the use and waste of precious water, but they make up for the Association's failure to improve the sprinkler system where some browned-out lawn is the result of poor water distribution.

Another thing about that eastern look that many residents may not realize is that it was grafted on to a western desert over several generations. When the population trickling into Southern California was in the hundreds and thousands, the area could sustain tricking Mother Nature.

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Botanical Garden shows plants in native habitat

By Bill Himstreet

With its waterfront wharfs, parks, zoo, mission, and historical downtown, Santa Barbara attracts vacationers in steady streams. An attraction often overlooked is the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden on Mission Canyon Road.

The forest-type location includes 65 acres of native California trees, flowers, and other plants ranging from desert cacti to redwoods. On a recent visit, we found the garden trails easy on our feet and legs as we walked leisurely through the exhibits. A demonstration garden shows how to make home use of plants.

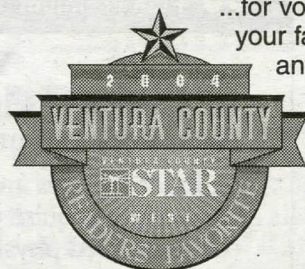
The garden is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and senior admission is \$3. Guided tours are available at 2 p.m. daily, and an information desk is open all day, as are some nurseries and operational/museum buildings.

To get to the Botanic Garden you'll pass by the Santa Barbara Mission, travel to Foothill Road and then take Mission Canyon Road to the 1212 address and parking spaces.

Santa Barbara is about 50 miles from LV. Drive up, spend a couple of hours in the garden, have lunch, return home or visit other spots — and you'll beat the traffic.

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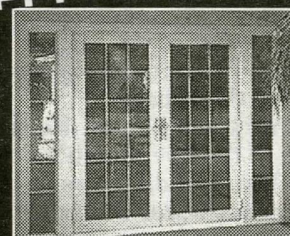
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But, no more. Today, our success threatens to parch us as well as the land. In their wildest forecasts, neither William Mulholland nor the other farsighted engineers and hydrologists (Mulholland was neither) foresaw the tens of millions who would be drawn here mainly because those few brilliant planners figured out how to make a sub-tropical desert bloom into a relative ecological paradise, at least in a perfect world, and if only for a very short span of time.

Unless some modern Mulholland can come up with the will and the way to move new supplies of water from, say, the Great White North down here, or massively to transform sea water into usable domestic water, to slake our unquenchable thirst, we have no choice but to live within our liquid means. And that means we have to tighten the tap and find creative ways to use what we can afford of an increasingly expensive and rapidly diminishing resource.

That's where xeriscaping comes in.

Veteran Realtor Al Fox, a Village resident, says, "The costs of water and landscaping are two of the biggest and most controllable costs facing the Village."

Fox should know. He is one of the five members of the board of directors of the Camrosa Water District, which supplies the water used by 31,000 residents in the area, including Leisure Village and California State University-Channels Islands.

"In the three-tiered pricing structure," he says, "Leisure Village is often paying at the highest level because of the usage. That is a cost that we can and should get under control."

Fox agrees with the experts in xeriscaping, that expansive lawns and many of our trees which are not native to Southern California are the most expensive landscaping choices we can make these days, and they are getting

more expensive as time goes on.

In their place, xeriscapes feature plants (many with beautiful blooms, year-round) that are selected for their native water-efficiency. Experience shows that properly maintained, "a xeriscape can use less than one-half the water of a traditional landscape." And, once a xeriscape is underway, it should require less maintenance than a turf (grass) landscape.

More drought-resistant and water-friendly plants, less lawn, lower maintenance, both on the ground and in the trees — since one would likely shift to more and more native varieties — and one can see where money can be saved, real economy rather than desperation cuts and delayed services.

Recently, the Camrosa Water District began practicing what it preaches. It is already into the next phase of landscaping, the natural outgrowth of xeriscaping, California Natural.

The district is accepting bids for a complete (with the exception of a small demonstration lawn) shift to plants native to the area, plants that at first require very little water and then, over a period of two to three years, are weaned off water completely, surviving only on the moisture normally in the region's air. Sometime in early June, the old, water-hungry plants will be gone and the new will be in. Then, we'll be able to see what's in the future for parts of Leisure Village.

In other words, we will also be planting natural and growing savings, money the Village can use for other equally important services to offset some of the future assessments.

If you're interested in seeing those coming attractions in landscaping, they'll be on view this summer at the Camrosa District headquarters building, a few miles east of the Village at 7385 Santa Rosa Road, 482-4677.

At about the same time, here in the Village, the next phase of xeriscape goes into

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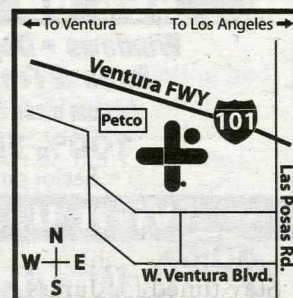
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Are insurance companies sexist?

By Carol Sweeney Zimmet

I had an interesting experience recently. Not that having a fingernail fungus is interesting, but the fight to get the appropriate medication was.

My dermatologist prescribed a medication for my fingernail fungus. The drug-gist informed me that my prescription insurance would not cover the medication. I called and complained, but to no avail. So I ordered the medication at approximately \$250 for a month's supply. I had been informed that it would require approximately a three month's supply.

Then I began to question the refusal and decided to write the prescription insurance company. If they could cover Viagra (and it did) for erectile dysfunction which may be emotionally debili-

tating but not physically painful, how could they justify not covering the fingernail fungus medication for a condition that was not only unsightly, but painful as well? I suggested that perhaps their decision making was based on a sexist criterion that suggests that female problems are not as important as male problems; i.e. sexual performance versus painful fingernails. Their response was almost instantaneous.

The powers that be at the prescription service decided that my request could be filled. However, they pointed out that this was a one-time decision. Don't count on it if the problem reoccurs. And they would reimburse me for the money that I had spent.

Now I am left with a lingering question: How many

people challenge the decision-making of insurance prescription companies because some of their decisions may be sexist? After all, having to agree that sexual dysfunction was more important than fingernail fungus may raise other questions.

Such as the one that is now emerging at one of the local HMOs. It will not cover the drug Fosamax because it is not available in a generic form. Does that mean they are willing to pay for fractures caused by osteoporosis rather than pay for preventive medicine? And since most fractures from osteoporosis occur in women, does it mean that their decision is sexist?

Interesting questions. Does anybody have the answer?

ZORRO

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zeichen des Zorro."

Zorro's fame was second to that of the immortal Tarzan. Of course, we are all familiar with the Disney TV series starring Guy Williams, and the recent film with Antonio Banderas, Sir Anthony Hopkins, and the impossibly beautiful Catherine Zeta-Jones.

If one thing always marked Zorro's appearances, it was spectacular swordplay. Zorro was a fencing master, and his style, for film, was a fine combination of foil and saber fencing. Fairbanks and Power were excellent swordsmen, as was Basil Rathbone, Zorro's nemesis in the Power film. It is fitting that we showed some other swordfights to complement the one in the movie as our historical films perspective.

Next month we will be

showing our classic film on Sunday, May 9, at 7 p.m. in the AR. That is Saint Gengulph's Day. Saint Gengulph, as we all know, is the Patron Saint of Marital Fidelity.

In keeping with that theme, we will be screening another of our famous evenings of classic silent comedy short subjects. We'll mix it up between Roscoe Conkling "Fatty" Arbuckle, Joseph Francis "Buster" Keaton, Arthur Stanley Jefferson and Oliver Norvell Hardy, and the grand master of them all, Charles Spencer "Charlie" Chaplin. The movies these merry men made were loved all over the world. We'll stick to silent films. That was the universal language. Any silent film produced anywhere could be shown anywhere else in the world without fear of misunderstanding — especially the comic films.

In the early days, the comic films were one-reelers and two-reelers. A one-

reeler used up just one reel of film as it passed through the camera. At 24 frames per second, this took approximately 10 minutes. Many of the early comics could just about sustain 10 minutes of comedy before they ran out of material. Some of the more creative comics were able to sustain 20 minutes, and a few were able to sustain a feature-length film, which would be an hour or longer.

As always during these silent screenings, hearing aids will be provided. Bring your friends and relatives. There is free punch, tepid coffee, and, as always, the screenings are absolutely free. No charge. And don't forget that the free popcorn was provided through the largesse of Gerry Levenfeld and fine folks at Inside Leisure Village, this very newspaper you are reading in your hands right now!

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Rehearsals continue for the Players Guild's 'Play On,' which opens April 21.

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script until almost opening night, and during the actual performance, anything that can go wrong does.

There's more: Don't forget the murder. I know who did it, but I can't tell you. There is no English butler, but there is a cockney maid

who has eyes for — well, I can't say.

Who is Saul/Dr. Forbes and what is his game? Believe me, you will not believe your eyes when Polly/Lady Margaret appears on stage — well, that is about all I can say.

Then we have sweet little Violet/Diana, or is she all that sweet? What about Billy/Stephen? What about him? I have no idea. I'm

confused, and I'm the director. You'd better come and find out for yourself.

The doors will be opening on April 21 for the first performance of "Play On." The players are looking forward to seeing you at one or all the performances. We have been rehearsing, rehearsing and rehearsing. By April 21, we should have it right.

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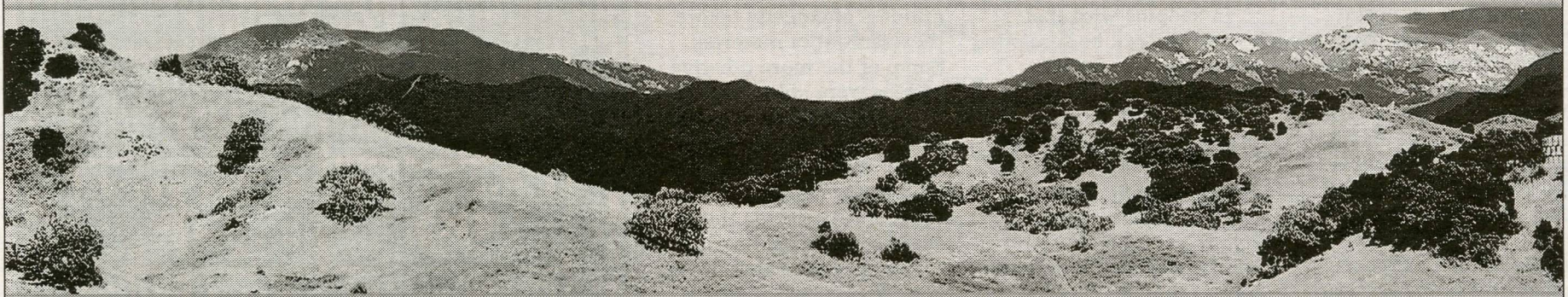
"Moon Over Buffalo," I know you will love "Play On." Be prepared for a good old-fashioned belly-laugh good time. It's a laugh-out-loud funny, funny show.

Tickets are now on sale. The performance will be April 21 through April 24 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 25, at 2 p.m. The price is \$5. Where else can you go and see a terrific show for \$5? The cast of

players is going to give its all to entertain you in April. So, let us entertain you!

By the way, have you checked out the window in the atrium? It's awesome! All the credit goes to Millie Seidman — thanks, Millie! Also, many thanks to our producer, Helen Hartmen, our script people, Hilde Daniels and Dorothee Blumenau, and our backstage helper, Billie Stimac.

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ing.

• Never, never, never lecture to them. Unless they ask for advice, don't offer it. If you do, you sound judgmental. You can ask them to call you if they'd like to talk. And if they do, consider it gold and just listen.

The book titled "How To Talk So Kids Listen and How To Listen So Kids Talk," by Faber and Mazlish, has some valuable strategies. Listening without judgment is not an easy task, but it can be very rewarding.

• Ask your children if they have any suggestions. If there is a problem, they probably know what it is. If there isn't a problem, then

let it go.

• When you visit them, ask them to plan some activities. Get to know their interests. If it is any comfort, as they grow older they start to see the world differently. After a while they will think that you are really smart.

• Now this part is the most difficult. Perhaps their relationship with you from their perspective is fine; you

are the ones having the difficulty. Grandparents always want to be the font of knowledge; grandkids are often so advanced from the way we were. If they love you and are polite and caring, that might be the best

gift they can give to you.

Love is the best gift we can give to our children and grandchildren. And also the greatest gift we can receive in return.

— Sincerely, Lucy

ELECTION

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should step forward? Even though the nominating committee has its list of candidates, it's not too late for any homeowner to step forward and rustle up the signatures of 43 other homeowners and present them to the committee.

For those not sure about what kind of qualifications prospective board members might possess, I talked with the five current members.

Board President Jack Prosen, a former financial planner who is stepping down from the board, says the ideal candidate should have the same qualities that he, "would be looking for in someone I would send to Washington, D.C." Equally important, Prosen says, is that the candidates have, "no special agenda, other than what is best for Leisure Village as a whole rather than what is best for one or a few specific homeowners."

Clair Huffman, who is standing for re-election, says, "In one sense, the perfect candidate would have the values of a Boy Scout, such as being truthful and kind, that he or she would not have an agenda or preconceived ideas and would be able to attend meetings and listen with an open mind."

To Bob Ellis, Chair of the Nominating Committee, the perfect new board member, "will be a person who is forward thinking, not afraid of change and a person who will put the good of the Village before his or her feelings and emotions."

Business experience was

the single most mentioned ideal quality cited by the current board members.

Mike Shapiro summed it up this way: "For me, the quality ... should be executive experience. That is, someone who has been in charge of money-making operations. The new member should be a person who has made decisions, analyzed problems for today and tomorrow, and then produced the systems to solve those problems."

Dick Griswold, who also serves in the California Senior Legislature, added another quality, one ideally suited to leadership: "The ability to express oneself clearly, both in the written word and speaking extemporaneously."

As to issues that will have to be dealt with by the new board, Prosen says, "Continuity of maintenance should be No. 1 on the candidate's agenda, and not as in the past when something was started, such as the five-year road maintenance cycle, which the next board changed to a 20-year cycle."

After a long career managing water supplies before moving to the Village, Ellis knows that is a major priority, "new board members should be conversant with the politics and economics of water, what it costs us, how we use it and how we can save it — that and landscaping are two fundamental, ongoing items that demand the best thinking we have."

For anyone who has been following the board meetings, there are a couple of other considerations that candidates and voters should keep in mind. Here's how Jack Prosen touched

on it: "The candidate should have the ability to put aside 'ego' so that he/she can work with the other board members."

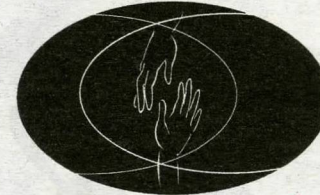
Huffman also got around to a similar observation: "Somewhere in the process, there is the thinking that this is the way we always did it, and so we have to keep on doing it that way. We should ask, 'Why are we doing it?' And if it doesn't make sense, then change the way we do it. Because of preconceived ideas, the board quickly divides into a 3-to-2 split."

It would be an unusual gathering of elected officials that did not divide on issues, whether it is how much to pay Village employees, to pave a street, paint or roof this or that village, or use recycled water on the golf course — all of it is the stuff of our lives as residents.

All to be determined by those who vote and those who step forward to be voted on.

Perhaps Dick Griswold summed up best what we should be looking for, not only in this or that candidate, or the board itself, but in ourselves as citizens of this little community of 3,500 residents, and that is, "A sincere desire both to keep up Leisure Village's property values and, not the least, to keep Village residents happy."

Formal nominations closed on March 26. However, any homeowner can be placed in nomination by petition containing 43 signatures submitted by April 25.



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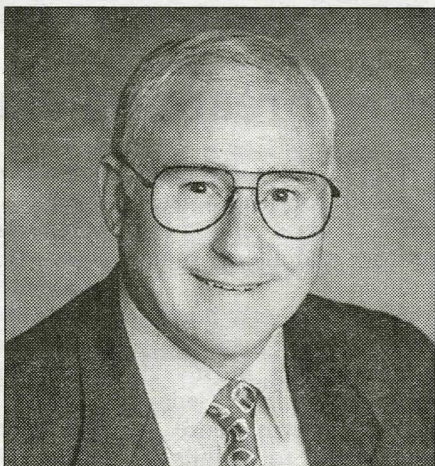
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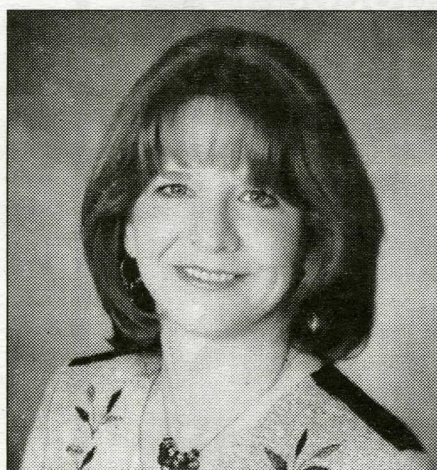
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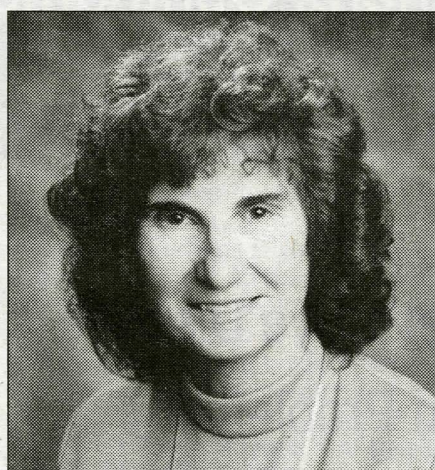
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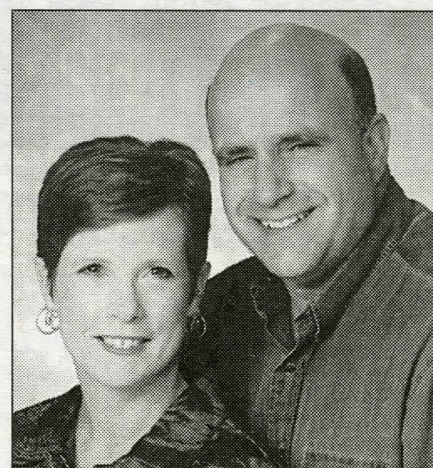
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The Collings Foundation, which has a Web site at www.collingsfoundation.org, is a non-profit educational foundation (501-C3), founded in 1979.

Since 1989, a major focus of the foundation has been the veterans' "Wings of Freedom Tour." This tour showcases a fully restored World War II Consolidated B-24J Liberator named "Dragon and His Tail" to pay tribute to the veterans who served in the Pacific Theater of Operations.

The tour also features the Boeing B-17G Flying Fortress "Nine-O-Nine," the companion of the B-24 in

thousands of wartime bombing and reconnaissance missions.

The "Wings of Freedom Tour" has two goals: to honor our veterans, letting them know they have not been forgotten; and to educate the visitors, especially younger Americans, about the planes and World War II. The foundation encourages people to tour the planes, talk to the veterans who come to visit the aircraft, and participate in a "flight experience."

The foundation depends solely upon private funding, receiving donations from individual members, as well as the people who visit the aircraft in each city and town. A flight on either aircraft is available for a tax-deductible contribution of

\$400.

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Better-breathing class slated

Lorraine Comer, a registered respiratory therapist, is starting a class related to respiratory and allergy management.

Comer is formerly head of hospital-based respiratory care departments, most recently retired from Cedar-Sinai, Kaiser Permanente and consultant to various HMOs.

This class will benefit

those of us with asthma, allergies, emphysema and other breathing issues. The class will cover lung function, better breathing techniques, medications, treatment, exercise and other related topics.

Interested people should sign up in the Recreation Office. The time and day will be arranged. Potential participants will be notified.

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operation sometime between June and July. Then, the water for the front nine holes of the golf course will come from a new source, Camrosa Water's Reclamation Plant,

south of the 101 freeway. The savings are expected to run in the tens of thousands of dollars a year.

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(Suggested reading: Cadillac Desert, Mark Reiser, Viking, New York, 1986)

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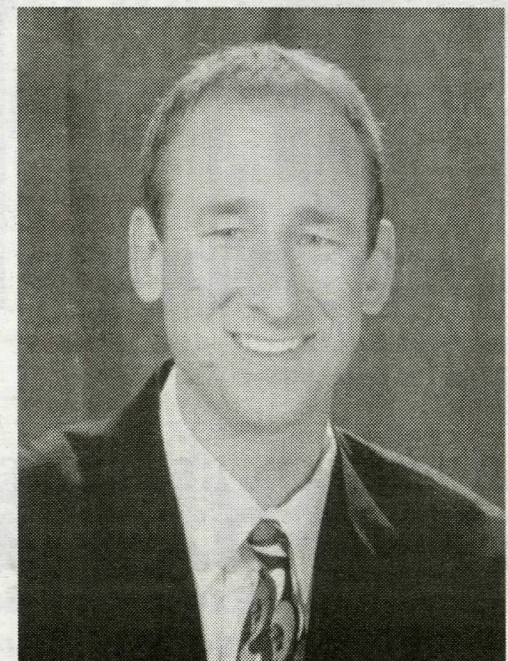
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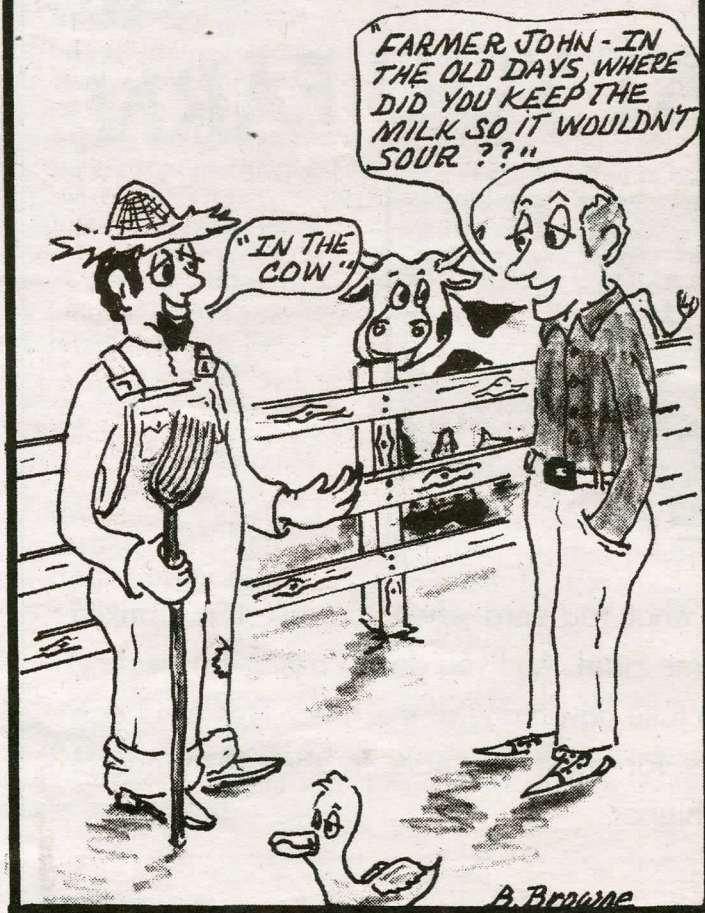
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Charlie and his mother lived in the same building and it was always, "Charlie cleans the floor for his mother. Charlie doesn't have to be told to take out the garbage." Charlie this! Charlie that! It all got to the point where I hated the mention of Charlie's name.

All of that happened in the 1930s, but my feelings of inferiority dominated way into the Sixties. Mom passed away just a few years

ago, but Charlie's mother is still able to get around and is just a few steps away. Recognition brings a smile

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Veterans Club

By Martin Alfred

Our club meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the MPR. At our last meeting, we were very pleased to have Morris Rubinstein, a former Air Corps chaplain, relate some of his interesting experiences in the service. It was followed by refreshments and friendly chit-chat.

It's always an enjoyable evening. All are invited, there are no dues, just come on down. Watch Channel 8 for April's program. Information: Marty, 389-1610.

ings.

For more information, call Sid at 482-5341.

Garden Club

By Naomi Balfour

The Garden Club will meet in the MPR on Thursday, April 15, at 9:30 a.m. Jan Scheinle from Santa Barbara City College's Horticulture Department will be there to tell us all about Epiphytes, or plants that grow on air, without soil. We start off with goodies and socializing, so come early and bring a friend to hear this interesting speaker.

L.V. Chorale

By Elise Perlmutter

It's time to spring forward and rejoice in uplifting songs with our chorale. We definitely need your presence, not to mention your voices, male and female. So don't be shy, give us a try.

We meet Mondays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the MPR, and we are looking forward to hearing from you!

For more information, call 484-2492.

Solo Club

By Marion Jayne

The Solo Club is having a potluck on April 16 in the AR at 6 p.m. Members bring to share according to last initial: A-D, salad; E-Q, main dish; R-Z, dessert. Dues are \$5 and should be paid to Doris Walton, V. 25, 308. We will dine out in May, so watch Channel 8 for information.

Computer Club

By Ben Perry

The Computer Club had its general meeting March 26 in the AR at 10 a.m., at which time we had a presentation by a representative of "Smart Computing" magazine, a relatively new publication. There was a general overview of what the publication has to offer and a discussion followed. There were free issues of the publications and some door prizes.

At our previous meeting, Mr. Ashok Suresh, CEO of NeuTRINO Technology, gave his presentation, which was very informative as to what his program can offer.

Classes on the Window XP are now going on, and

Woodshop

By Martin Alfred

The committee men are ready to fix your broken wooden treasures or help you with a wood project. Just bring them in on Wednesday mornings. If you leave items with us, be sure to fill out the information form on the desired work, your name, address and phone number.

For woodworkers who use the shop, here are some helpful hints: Sign the "in and out" sheet and clean up after working. Absolutely no nails, screws or other metals on wood. They damage our machines. No individual work on Wednesday morn-

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International Folk Dancing

By Raye Gabriel

International Folk Dance classes are Mondays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the AR. Virginia Calihan, our fearless leader, will review and teach some new dances. The ethnic music just encourages you to dance. You are welcome to join us and follow along. Call 482-5621 for more information.

RV Club

By Charlie Hartman

The hosts for our RV Club Super Supper monthly dine-out at the Red Lobster were Orvin and Lois Prellwitz. The conversations and camaraderie make these monthly gatherings one of the highlights of membership in the club.

The next RV Club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, in the MPR. We are always looking for new members, and you don't have to own an RV to join! Drop by and check us out!

Concerned Homeowners

By Ed Olson

The Leisure Village Concerned Homeowners Club held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sun Room. The speaker was President Jack Prosen of the Board of Directors, who gave a detailed overview of important considerations affecting the future of the Village. His informative discussion was well received by the large crowd in attendance. A question and answer period followed.

A questionnaire previously circulated among club members asked for suggestions for topics and speakers for future meetings. The

No. 1 major concern was outside management for Leisure Village.

The next regular monthly meeting of the club will be held on Thursday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the MPR. The topic will be outside management. The speaker will be the general manager of a local property management firm who will lead a discussion of what such a firm can offer and how it functions.

Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

LV Travel

By Eugene Foxman

Your Travel Committee would like to thank all who participated in our recent trips. We went to Death Valley, watched whales, and enjoyed Buffalo Bill's in Primm.

We encourage all residents to come with us in April. Trips are planned to go to Santa Anita Racetrack, to see the poppy fields and to return to the Laughlin Flamingo.

Seats are available for May trips to the Merle Norman Nethercutt Collection, the Roaring Camp Adventure and to the Las Vegas Golden Nugget, as well as a trip to Mesquite and Zion National Park in June.

For more details watch Channel 8 or visit the Travel Office, which is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 to 11:45 a.m. The phone number is 482-8062.

Women's Club

By Eleanor Thomas

Marlene Nord, a remarkable lady who plays the keyboard and sings, will provide the program for our pleasure on Thursday, May 6, at 1:30 p.m. in the AR. She developed a love of country music when she was 10 years old and has been performing ever since

with well-known bands and artists. She is remarkable because even though she is sightless, she volunteers at Ventura College assisting in the production of Braille textbooks. During the program she will share her story with us and introduce us to Koreen, her guide dog.

The May Trading Post on Thursday, May 13, will once again have many bargains available. Doors open at 10 a.m. and close at 1 p.m. Shop early for the best buys.

The Women's Club will have its 30th anniversary on May 25. Come to the May meeting and also watch Channel 8 to learn the details of our celebration, which will take place in the AR on Wednesday, May 26.

The Women's Workshop continues to meet every Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m. As always, you are invited to stop by and see what we are working on and to purchase handicrafts for gifts and upcoming holidays. We'll be happy also to serve you a cup of coffee, so do drop in.

Racquet Club

By Anne Wolfson

The Racquet Club meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the MPR. 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.

Our March meeting had as our "mystery guest" Benson Smithkin. Better known as Ben, he always amazed us by using either hand when playing paddle tennis! After hearing Ben's talk, we were more amazed at his story, whereas he was born on one date and his birth certificate listed his

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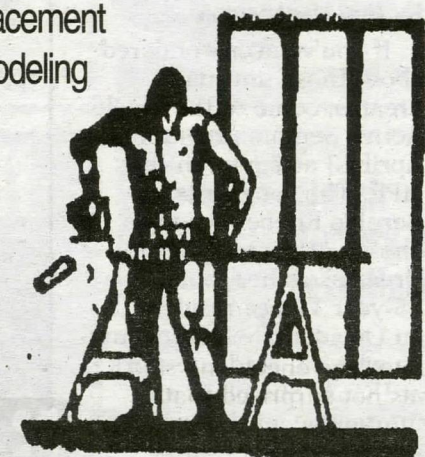
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birth date as December 17! So poor Ben has been unable to get it straightened out after all these years! This way, he can take his choice to celebrate either date, or both of them.

Our paddle tennis players had a three-way tie, with Bob Kumler, Dick Downey and Bob McQuivey in the first set, Keith Timothy and Roy Podres in the second set, and Stan Feldman in the third set. Betty Stallman won the women's set.

Delicious refreshments were provided by Betty Stallman and Kay Bell, with decorations in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

Our next meeting will be April 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the MPR. Hope to see you there! Bring your friends!

Sing-a-long Group

By Jules Nayfack

Longtime residents and newcomers: We welcome all of you and your guests to our fun-filled get-togethers twice monthly. You will find this to be the friendliest, most congenial 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 starts at 7 p.m. Singing and fun starts at 7:30 p.m. Our next meetings are April 12 and 26, and on May 10, in the AR. Bring your friends!

L.V. New York Club

By Bob Sklarz

The April meeting opened with President Marty Hasen reading a thank you letter from Ed Holly for the donation of \$120 to the Leisure Village Food Distribution. Ed had already thanked the club at the March meeting when he accepted the check and said he was not surprised that New Yorkers would offer to help. He recounted that as a

young, struggling accountant, he and four others shared a room in East Flatbush. He never forgot the help and comfort his neighbors showed the five out-of-towners.

On April 20, there will be a trip to the Santa Barbara Zoo. The cost will be \$26, which includes transportation to the zoo, admission, and lunch at Fresh Choice.

The May 1 meeting will feature karaoke and line dancing. Members have been practicing.

Tickets were put on sale for the annual Dinner Dance on June 3. There will be a 10-piece Big Band, and the dinner will be catered by the very popular DJ's. The cost will be \$19 for members, \$21 for non-members. Tickets will be on sale at the meeting, or call Eileen, 388-0618, or Ann, 384-9153.

Also announced was the picnic for August 5. This will be for paid-up members only.

From now on, the newsletter will be mailed only to paid-up members. If you have not yet paid your \$5 dues and cannot make the next meeting, you may

mail a check, made out to LVNYC, to Leatrice Posner, 23119 Village 23.

L.V. Mens Golf Association

By Mannie Abbate

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

At the April 13 meeting, we will have the election of officers for the coming year. The Nominating Committee nominated the following members: President, Bob Hinkel; First Vice President, Bud Miller; Second Vice President, Jack Kirkland; Secretary, Ernie "Alex" Alexander; and Treasurer, Bob Zaas. At this meeting the President will call for nominations from the floor. Any nominee must be present at the meeting to voice their acceptance. After the nominations are closed the formal election will take place.

Jack Kirkland has prepared a special libation for this event.

The new officers will be sworn in at the June 16

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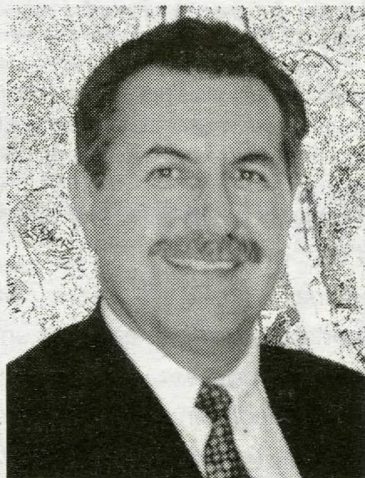
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Installation and Awards Luncheon. Mark your calendars to attend both these events. If you haven't paid your \$10 dues yet, you won't be listed in the 2004-2005 Handbook and Roster, so put your check in the brown box at the course or call Ted Rose at 987-5090.

This next year will be our 30th anniversary celebration. Bud Miller is Chair of a committee preparing programs for the gala series of events. If you would like to help, call Bud at 482-1436.

The Tee Timers Tournament, hosted by the men, will be on April 20, and the Mixed Tournament and 19th Hole Party will be on April 25. You can see the fabulous signs at the course and on bulletin boards telling about the numerous activities available at the tournament. There will also be a continental breakfast for the golfers before the game begins, and the party in the AR also will be special. All members are welcome. Sign up for both these games on the sheets in the display cases at the course.

On April 22 we will play at Elkins Ranch Golf Course. The fee will be \$36 for golf and cart. First start is at 8:30 a.m. The Super Senior and Super, Super Senior Tournament will be held on April 6. Watch the bulletin board and Channel 8 to see the results for this event at our LV course and all other announcements.

We are also going to hold our second Solvang overnight on September 29 and 30. The event will include dinner on the 29th, the tournament at the River Course at Alisal on the 30th, and a dinner at the Royal Scandinavian Hotel in the evening. More complete information can be obtained by calling Mannie Abbate at 482-0642.

Village Painters

By Dorothy Hirsch

On March 3, we were treated to a film on

California impressionists of the 1800s. Working out of Laguna Beach, the artists depicted fields of poppies and other wildflowers in their paintings, the ocean with its mists, and the rugged mountains covered with yellow flowers. The tidepools, teeming with sea life, drew sightseers from all over the world.

Lorraine Commer will be exhibiting her paintings for the months of April and May in the Library. Acrylics is her specialty, and they are a delight to see.

Our next meeting will be on April 7 in the MPR at 1 p.m.

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. Golf begins at 8 a.m. now, so bridge will start at 1 p.m.

Reminder: \$8 dues are being collected now. Be sure to pay up as soon as possible to get your name in the new Handbook and Roster for 2004-2005.

Other dates to keep in mind: Tee Timers April 20 (men host); LVWGA Club Championship April 21 and 28; Appreciation Tournament and Luncheon, May 12; Mixed Tournament and 19th Hole Party (men host), Sunday, March 28.

Regulation golf will be at Elkins Ranch Golf Course on Thursday, April 15. First start at 9 a.m. Fee for golf and cart is \$35.

The winners for February were as follows:

18ers: Low Gross, D. Duke, 59; low net, M. Webb, 76-26-50. Niners Front: low gross, T. Kaiser, A. Saltus, C. Milman and I. Cunningham all had 40. Low net, C. Milman, 40-15-26. Niners back, Low gross I.

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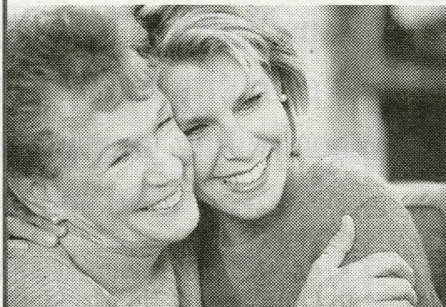
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Cunningham, 32. Low net, M. Kovach, 41-16-25.

Senior Tournament winners: Niners LN over the field, S. Kuroki 56. A Flight: 1st LN, M. Meyers, 59; 2nd LN, I. Cunningham 60; 3rd LN M. Rice 62. B Flight: tied at 65 and carded. 1st LN, S. Fox; 2nd LN, E. Wilson; 3rd LN, S. Baker 68. 18ers: LN over the field, A. Kroll 104. A Flight: 1st LN, Fran Mead 111; 2nd LN, L. Naaktgeboren 112; 3rd LN, D. Duke 113.

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

Writers Club

By Jack Burger

Did you know that one of your neighbors was a nurse, teacher, musician, gun moll, businessman, politician, etc., etc., etc.? We hear some pretty fantastic stories in the Writers Club. We have a great time. Please join us Mondays in the Garden Room, 9 a.m. to noon.

Camera Club

By Jerry Cohen

With digital photography now a part of the Camera Club's competitions, there are some new and unusual pictures added to the monthly judgments. Submissions can be slides, prints or e-mailed digital images. Part of the competitions are assigned categories, a different one each month. There is also an open category where anything can be the subject, and for the digital experimenters, a modified division.

Come join the club and have fun competing. Competitions are the first Wednesday of each month, and program nights are on the third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are in the MPR and start at 7:30 p.m. with refreshments following. Everyone is welcome.

Billiard Club

By Milan Weiss

The Billiard Club activities (open play) continue with play going on during the day and continuing until late at night. Lately, there are many new players developing their skills. Many of them never played the game before moving to Leisure Village.

Members get the most benefits from the club. They are always up to date on club activities. The easiest way to benefit is to attend the regular monthly fun meetings, read the articles in Inside Leisure Village and watch Channel 8 for current happenings.

An event of immediate interest is the Spring 8-Ball Tournament which will be held on April 12, 13, 15, 16 and April 19 through 23 and is open to all members. The awards for this tournament will be given to the winning participants at the regular monthly Billiard Club meeting on Tuesday, April 27. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the MPR. All Leisure Villagers are invited to attend the tournaments or the club meetings.

The club's summer events are just a few months away. Information will follow in future issues of Inside Leisure Village and on Channel 8. Keep in touch with the club and participate!

Drama Guild

By Cathy Friedman

The Drama Club meets every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the Garden Room. Our instructor, John Bravos, is great, and he puts us through the paces. We do tongue twisters, improvisations and cold readings, learning to analyze the actions of actors and many, many other things. We even have some hot and heavy discussions on a variety of things.

We are all having a wonderful time enjoying the club. John has been in the business for years and is a fun instructor, as well as a very knowledgeable person in the area of drama.

Everyone is welcome. Drop in and see how you like the club.

Jazzercise

By Cathy Friedman

Dance away stress, burn calories, and tone and strengthen in these fun, hour-long "get away from it all" classes. They feature a fully certified instructor, a safe and effective workout and a wide variety of dance and strength training moves to great music.

We meet every Wednesday, in the AR, from 9 to 10 a.m. Bring a friend, a plastic bottle of water, and wear supportive footwear and be prepared to have a great time.

Warning: May be hazardous to excess body fat and high stress levels.

Keyboard Club

By Joyce Turner

Members, residents and guests are welcome to attend our monthly meetings in the AR on the third Friday of the month. Our next meeting will be April 16 at 1:30 p.m.

The California Jazz Girlz will entertain on Friday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the AR. Tickets will go on sale April 19. The price will be \$5. There will be a surprise coming also. Buy your tickets early.

See you April 16 in the AR. Remember, artists are always happy to play any requests.

Ceramics Plus

By Martin Ettinger

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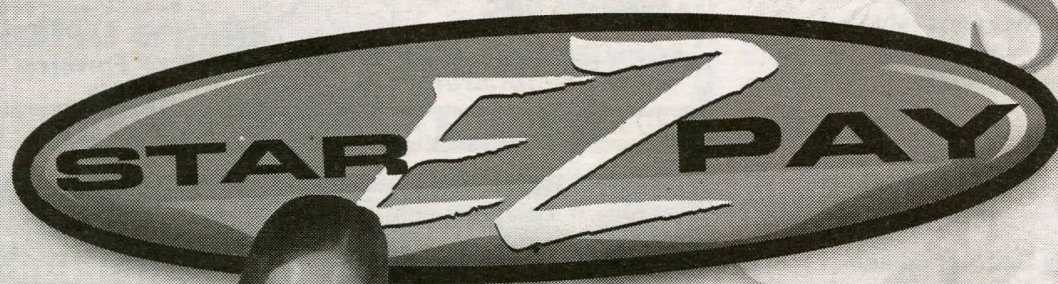


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enough to give of his time and expertise in installing our new air compressor.

The February meeting showed the videotape of our previous show-and-tell session. The March meeting will be another show-and-tell with a new twist. In addition to showing our own work, we will bring in any original piece which would be of interest.

In May, the club will mount a display in the atrium.

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

Farmers Club

By Marjorie Deniston

President Kenney Nelson announced our first meeting of the year a huge success, with 60 members in attendance. Ron Stave presented an interesting talk on "Herbs and Health." Lucky winners of the drawings went home with pots of herbs and a special Chinese gardening hat.

Of special interest: A visit to the Hansen Agricultural Learning Center is planned for Saturday, April 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. FarmFest is a daylong event filled with educational activities and displays, farm animals, music, food, a u-pick garden and more. Come meet your local farmers! Please note: Tickets for the house tours are free and distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. The center is at 14292 W. Telegraph Rd., Santa Paula, CA 93060.

If you are new in the Village and are interested in doing a bit of "farming," this is the club for you. You may call either Joe Dishlip at 482-3701 or President Kenney Nelson at 384-9255 for information.

The Farmers Club meets four times a year, at 2 p.m., the first Friday of March, June, September and December. Each meeting gives vital information and interesting speakers. Dues

for the year are only \$5 per member per patch. There's nothing better than fresh tomatoes and other good things out of your own garden. Happy gardening!

Channel 8

By Art Kaufman

After 20 years, Channel 8 still has growing pains. We are still making improvements in many areas, including color, type size and font, easy-to-read text, on-air clarity and interesting subjects, along with a picture of your club's message if you wish.

Along with these innovations, we desperately need a little help. Some of our "old-timers" would like to pass on to some "newcomers" a bit of our expertise. We teach, we instruct, we work with you in various tasks. We need people to put programs on the air. This takes an average of 30 minutes once a week, at 10 a.m. or 5 p.m.

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So, if you are looking to make a real contribution to the Village, let's hear from you. Call Channel 8 at 388-1243. You will love working with us!

L.V. Exercise Group

By Milt Mankoff

The Leisure Village Exercise Group has kicked off the annual membership drive. Dues for the coming year are \$3 and payable now. Paid-up members will enjoy the complimentary Bagel Breakfast on Friday, May 28, after exercise. Dues may be paid to Bertha Fried, Membership Secretary, or to Shiprah Maller, President. Membership is open to all Village residents, and early

registration is encouraged.

Friday, June 25, has been set for the Annual Catered Dinner Picnic. This popular event features many games and valuable prizes, as well as a delicious catered dinner. Information as to cost and menu will be announced shortly. Watch Channel 8 for details. Space is limited and those wishing to attend are urged to make up their tables and reserve promptly. Shiprah Maller is handling arrangements.

Exercise sessions are held Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 9 a.m. at the Pool Pavilion. All residents are welcome to join and enjoy the benefits of Leisure Village Exercise Group membership.

Bingo

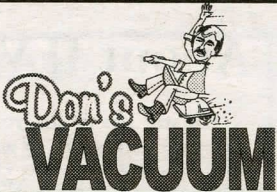
By Charles Donnel

Entering our fifth year of playing Las Vegas style Bingo, our regular Wednesday night sessions are bringing record attendees and distributing generous prizes. Bingo affords Villagers an opportunity to spend an enjoyable and often profitable evening with friends without having to leave the Village at night.

In the past year we have collected a total of \$45,553. Total payouts for the past year have equaled \$43,643, or an average of \$873 per week. Total attendance for the past year has been 6,635 persons, or an average of 133 per week.

The monies collected cover the cost of all supplies and refreshments, as well as additional sock number payouts totaling \$429, the lowest being \$14 and the highest \$98.

Everyone who enjoys Bingo is welcome to come every Wednesday night. The doors open at 5:30 p.m., and for a low \$5 buy-in cost, you can enjoy approximately three hours of fun with the possibility of taking home some money or a door prize. Due to limited seating, attendance is restricted to players only. All Villagers are welcome to join us and try your luck.



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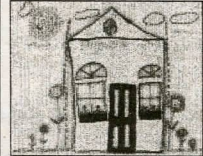

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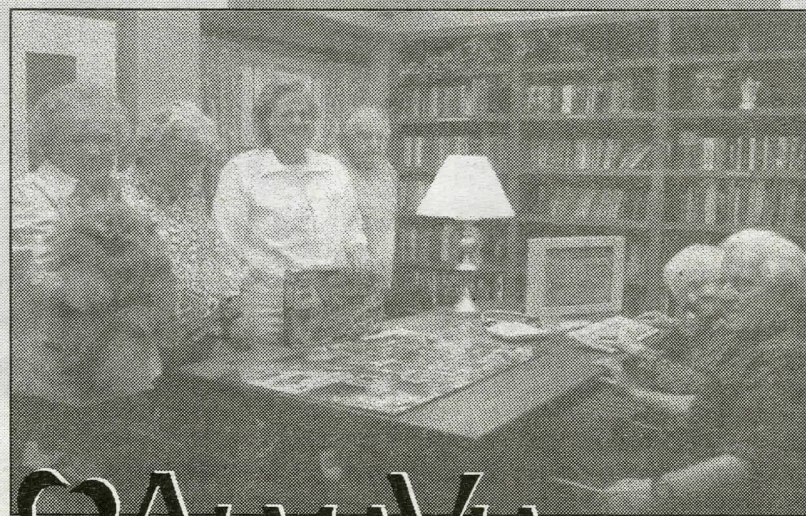
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