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Photo courtesy Cathy Beach

Leisure Village resident Johnnie Beach poses with his modern-day counterpoint at the Greater Los Angeles Veterans Health Care Center. Beach traveled to Los Angeles to straighten out his disability benefits and ended up being welcomed at the U.S. Marine Corps' 237th birthday celebration. **Story, Page 8.**

Candidates Night is May 23 in AR

By Patty Ecker

(This story will seem a bit odd, not the usual "who, what, when, why" of news. Much of the information readers should have about the election of LV Board members is not being made available until after ILV's publication date of May 3. So what follows is as much election information as we can

provide for now.)

On June 27, Villager homeowners will choose three new members to serve on our Board of Directors. Election ballots can be submitted in person at the Annual Meeting on that day, mailed in or deposited in the Ballot Box in the Recreation Center lobby

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Meet the Village angel

By Patty Ecker

Mimi Chuntz claims that she became an angel because she bought a Lottery Scratcher.

"The ticket was a \$500 winner. That started it all," she explains with a giggle.

Mimi, who has lived in the Village since April 13, 1976 (that's 37 years, if you're counting), says she never volunteered much outside her home when she and her husband Ben were raising their three boys. But the Lottery ticket changed all that — and hundreds of children across Ventura County became the winners.

"I'd never won a thing in my

Please see **ANGEL** on 15



Photo by Jerry Spector

Mimi Chuntz' work with Casa Pacifica has earned her the title of angel.

Response to 'Town Hall' opinion

(Editor's note: Ms. White's response has been edited for length, excluding only her remarks made at the Town Hall meeting, which have already been heard by the attendees.)

By Jeanne White, V. 25

Response to ILV article, "Town Hall meeting democracy in action," by Associate Editor Bob Cohen.

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The first annual Club Faire, presented by *Inside Leisure Village* and the Ed and Rec Committee, will take place June 29 in the Rec Center. Mark your calendar! Story, Page 3.

The Women's Club recently mailed packages to troops overseas. Story, Page 32.

And for a look at the many volunteers in Leisure Village, see the center package on Pages 20-21.



Part 2 of the story of Walter Maich, a Leisure Village resident who was shot down in World War II, appears on Page 10.

VILLAGE HAPPENINGS

Apply now for Honor Flight

By Kenney Nelson

The season has started, and if you are a World War II veteran, you are being offered the trip of your life: a free flight to and from Washington, D.C., plus free meals, a free stay in a hotel and a day spent touring all the veteran sites in and around D.C.

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For those of you lacking a computer, contact me at 987-5658 and I will help you submit your request.

Stroke screening monthly

Your Neighbors Care Group, in conjunction with Community Memorial Hospital, will present a free mini stroke screening every

second Monday of the month between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. in the Sun Room.

See you May 13 at the next event.

Letters

ILV has obligated itself to publish letters that are not profane, inflammatory or libelous. Views or statements expressed are the beliefs of the writer and are not necessarily supported by the staff of ILV. Letters must include signature, address and telephone number. Please limit letters to 150 words. We reserve the right to edit and/or condense. Place in ILV box. Space permitting, whatever was not printed in this issue due to space limitations will be considered for the next issue.

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LVTV PROGRAM SCHEDULE MAY 2013

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LVTV email address: lvtvcommittee@gmail.com



DAY	MAY	TIME	PROGRAM	*Note: OTR = Old Time Radio
Wed	1	10 am & 8 pm	Viva the Village (watch message board for details)	
Thu	2	10 & 8 *OTR 7	Thursday Showcase - See LVTV Message Board for Shows	
Fri	3	10 am & 8 pm	What's Happening in LV — Bingo, Self-Awareness, Exercise Board, Seasons (34 mins)	
Mon	6	10 am	LVA OPEN BOARD MEETING - LIVE	
Tue	7	10 am & 8 pm	LVA OPEN BOARD MEETING - TAPED	
Wed	8	10 am & 8 pm	Cooking Show — Cutting Down The Carbs (25 mins)	
Thu	9	10 & 8 *OTR 7	Thursday Showcase - See LVTV Message Board for Shows	
Fri	10	10 am & 8 pm	LVA OPEN BOARD MEETING - TAPED	
Mon	13	10 am & 8 pm	What Was My Line — Dick Gutman, Millie Matis, Jerry Rosen (41 mins)	
Tue	14	10 am & 8 pm	Book Review: Lillian Hawthorne — 2008 (15 mins)	
Wed	15	10 am & 8 pm	Viva the Village (watch message board for details)	
Thu	16	10 & 8 *OTR 7	Thursday Showcase - See LVTV Message Board for Shows	
Fri	17	10 am & 8 pm	Showtyme — Ken Shepski, 2009 (55 mins)	
Mon	20	10 am & 8 pm	Shared Experiences — Jules Nayfack & Piff DeSimone (51 mins)	
Tue	21	10 am & 8 pm	Women's Club — Gene Valentino's Fabulous 40's, 2009 (1 hr 5 mins)	
Wed	22	10 am & 8 pm	Players' Guild — Laugh Out, 2007 (48 mins)	
Thu	23	10 & 8 *OTR 7	Thursday Showcase - See LVTV Message Board for Shows	
Fri	24	10 am & 8 pm	The History Of Leisure Village Part 2. (2 hrs 14 mins)	
Mon	27	10 am & 8 pm	What Was My Line — Bob Riveles, Eduardo Bruzzzone, Clay Star (56 mins)	
Tue	28	10 am & 8 pm	Family Law (30 mins)	
Wed	29	10 am & 8 pm	Village Voices: Joseph Benti & Bob McQuivey (37 mins)	
Thu	30	10 & 8 *OTR 7	Thursday Showcase - See LVTV Message Board for Shows	
Fri	31	10 am & 8 pm	Pet Parade 2012 (32 mins)	

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

Committee Chair.....Bill Foeller - 384-4447
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Program suggestions; book review volunteersJudy Siegel - 384-9620
Message Board volunteers; filming eventsMark Smith - 388-1243
Volunteers for stage lighting & soundBill Foeller - 384-4447
Guest on "What Was My Line?"Jerry Spector - 384-9039
Contribute music CDsLarry Forkner - 484-2095

DAILY AUDIO ON MESSAGE BOARD:

9:00 A.M., 11:30 P.M., 3:00 P.M., 6:00 P.M.

Narrated by Debra Guill.

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

June deadlines

Deadline for letters, club news, stories, photos and classified ads for the June 2013 issue is Thursday, May 23, at 5 p.m. The Display Advertising deadline will be Friday, May 24, at 5 p.m. Publication is scheduled for Friday, June 7. Please e-mail stories and photos to editorilv@yahoo.com. Typed copy, double-spaced, should be deposited in the ILV box in the Recreation Center hallway. Handwritten material should be submitted early to allow for typing.

Chamber of Commerce honors 2 from Village

They were described as “Camarillo Stars” when the local Chamber of Commerce honored two Village residents for their service to others.

Ben Racowsky and Gail Wander were celebrated at the recent 46th Annual Community Awards banquet. Ben was named the Senior of the Year, Gail, the Volunteer of the Year. They joined eight others as Camarillo’s Top Ten honorees for 2013.

The award winners are chosen from nearly 100 nominations submitted to the Camarillo Chamber of Commerce.

Ben Racowsky has been a volunteer tutor at local elementary schools for 15 years. The 97-year-old says he loves his “work” three days a week with youngsters who frequently send him notes and self-drawn pictures thanking him for helping them succeed in math.

Gail Wander also focuses on the needs of children as she volunteers at schools, the Boys & Girls Club and Casa Pacifica. She teaches Origami to seniors, and lately she has dedicated her time to “Saving Lives Camarillo,” which provides drug awareness and education to youngsters.



Photo by Jerry Spector

Ben Racowsky, right, poses with George West, vice president of St. John’s Hospital, which nominated the Leisure Village resident for a Community Award. Gail Wander chose not to have her photo included with this story.

Save the date for Club Faire

Coming soon to a Rec Center near you: the first annual Club Faire — and you are invited!

Inside Leisure Village has joined with the Ed and Rec Committee to bring you a spectacular celebration of the LV lifestyle. More details will be published in the June edition, but here are a few hints:

- Approximately 40 organizations will participate—maybe more.
- There will be music — maybe more.
- There will be food — maybe more.
- And, there may even be a few surprises.

The point is, it will be an event you will not want to miss. So, save the date — June 29 — and look for all the details in the June edition of *Inside Leisure Village*.

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In memoriam

Joel Zneimer, V. 18
Helen Herzog, V. 28
Roma Daniels, V. 22
Camille Masi, V. 42

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

Health Fair set for May 17

Your Neighbors Care Group, in conjunction with the Camerillo Health Care District, is presenting the 9th annual Health Fair on Friday, May 17, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Approximately 46 local and

wellness exhibitors with products and services appealing to seniors will be presented. A high-end breakfast and afternoon tea will be available. Gift baskets and certificates will be raffled as door prizes throughout the day.

For 29 years, I've been fortunate to have lived in my favorite place in the U.S.: Leisure Village. I have been in every state.

The first of the year, I fell and broke my left shoulder and two vertebrae. Two back surgeries later, I

am finally feeling a little better. I hope to get back to pool and Wii Bowling and other activities soon.

People have been wonderful with offering transportation and food, and with cards, calls and visits.

Thank you all!

— Joy Hess, V.4

Looking Back: 1,000th family moves in

By Marilyn Holthouse
Village historian

• May 1978, 35 years ago: A picnic celebration was held for Mr. and Mrs. John Mason, the 1,000th family to move into LV.

• May 1983, 30 years ago: Landscape Review and Travel committees were established, and Channel 12 (now LVTN) would become a standing committee July 1,

1983.

• May 1988, 25 years ago: Leisure Village Directories were distributed at the Car Decaling, Padre Serra Parish was established.

• May 1993, 20 years ago: A \$122,425 contract was awarded for Shuffleboard Building improvement.

• May 1998, 15 years ago: A proposed layout for the Rec Center Annex building was approved.

Free blood pressure checks held monthly

Your Neighbors Care Group presents free blood pressure checks on the first Monday of the month.

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Cut your taxes when you sell

By Sharron Parker
Troop Real Estate Inc.

There are many ways homeowners can reduce both their yearly taxes and capital gains when they sell their home. Below are a few helpful hints:

Mortgage interest: The interest accrued on monthly payments can be deducted.

Capital improvements: The cost of major improvements can be deducted from the taxable gain when you sell your home.

Capital gains: Single homeowners can take advantage of a tax-exempt profit of up to \$250,000 when they sell their home as long as the home was the seller's primary residence for two of the last five years. Married homeowners filing joint tax returns get a break on capital gains taxes up to \$500,000 of the profit from the sale of their home.

Repairs to rental property: General repairs may qualify as deductions

in the year they are paid for. Also keep track of major improvements as they are deductible when you sell or through depreciation.

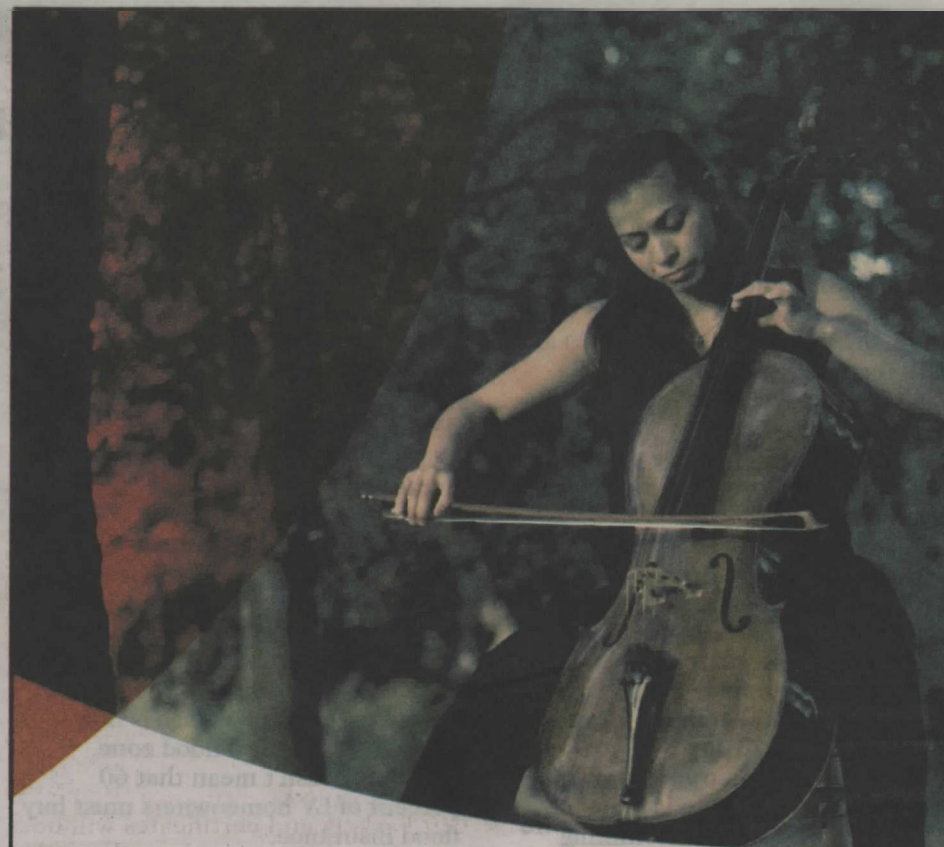
Moving expenses: If you moved due to a job change, your moving costs may be deductible whether you are a renter or homeowner.

Points: If you bought a home and paid the mortgage lender a loan fee or "points," that fee is deductible over the loan's life.

Work full time or part time from home: The square footage of your work space determines your deductions. Home business costs are deductible, including business phone and insurance, among other expenses.

As always, please check with your tax advisor to determine your own personal deductions.

— Sharron Parker is a licensed Realtor with Troop Real Estate Inc. She can be reached at 805-443-1998.



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Questions about flood insurance swirl around the Village

Numerous questions about homeowners' flood insurance are being asked around Leisure Village — neighbor to neighbor, at many Board meetings, in calls to the Village Homeowners Association (HOA) and LV's insurance manager.

Why do some of us have to buy flood insurance?

Why now and not five years ago?

Why doesn't my roof mate need flood insurance?

"Our office gets an average of 10 calls a day from homeowners, brokers and lenders asking about it," reports Denise Sutton, who manages the Villages Association's insurance coverage. "It's a very complex issue created by the federal government, not by Leisure Village."

And some homeowners are required to respond to it.

The key concept determining who must have flood insurance is the location of the flood plain.

Periodically, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reviews land elevation and watershed to determine areas that might flood (remember Hurricane Katrina and Superstorm Sandy?) within a 100-year span.

In 1995, Leisure Village was determined to be out of a flood zone; so there was no requirement for homeowners to buy flood insurance. That changed in 2011.

After several FEMA reviews, the government agency revised its evaluations (including neighboring Conejo Creek), decertified all the levees in Ventura County and redrew the flood plain map. As a result, 60 percent of Leisure Village is now inside that redrawn flood zone.

But it doesn't mean that 60 percent of LV homeowners must buy flood insurance.

"It's quite straightforward," explains Don Beall, chair of the LV

Find out more

To find out if your house is in the flood plain, call Troy Spayd at City Hall at 805-388-5340. For more, go to www.ci.camarillo.ca.us, click on public works, then link to FEMA flood plain.

Insurance Committee. "You are not required to have flood insurance if you own your house free and clear. You are required to have coverage if your mortgage is a federally backed home loan, which 99 percent of LV mortgages are."

Homeowners can buy their own policies — they average about \$400 a year. If they refuse to purchase coverage, their lenders can place a flood policy onto the mortgage at a

rate from \$1,700 and up annually. Banks and lenders are intent on protecting the property on which they hold mortgages. Reports indicate that some new loans and refinancing applications have been refused because the applicants have no flood coverage.

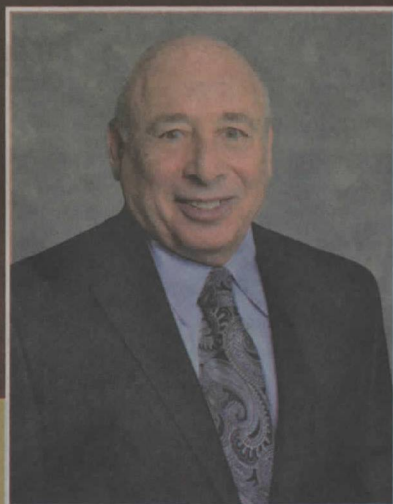
Flood insurance purchased by LV homeowners covers water damage inside our houses. Damage outside the units and to Association structures like the Rec Center are covered by LV HOA insurance — a \$5 million policy.

Edie Lohmann, who is the FEMA Insurance Specialist for the Western Region, says people forget how devastating water damage can be and that a basic homeowner's policy does not cover it.

"I understand that people think flood insurance can be a burden. But to see the destruction from Hurricane Sandy reminds us of how important protection is," she says.



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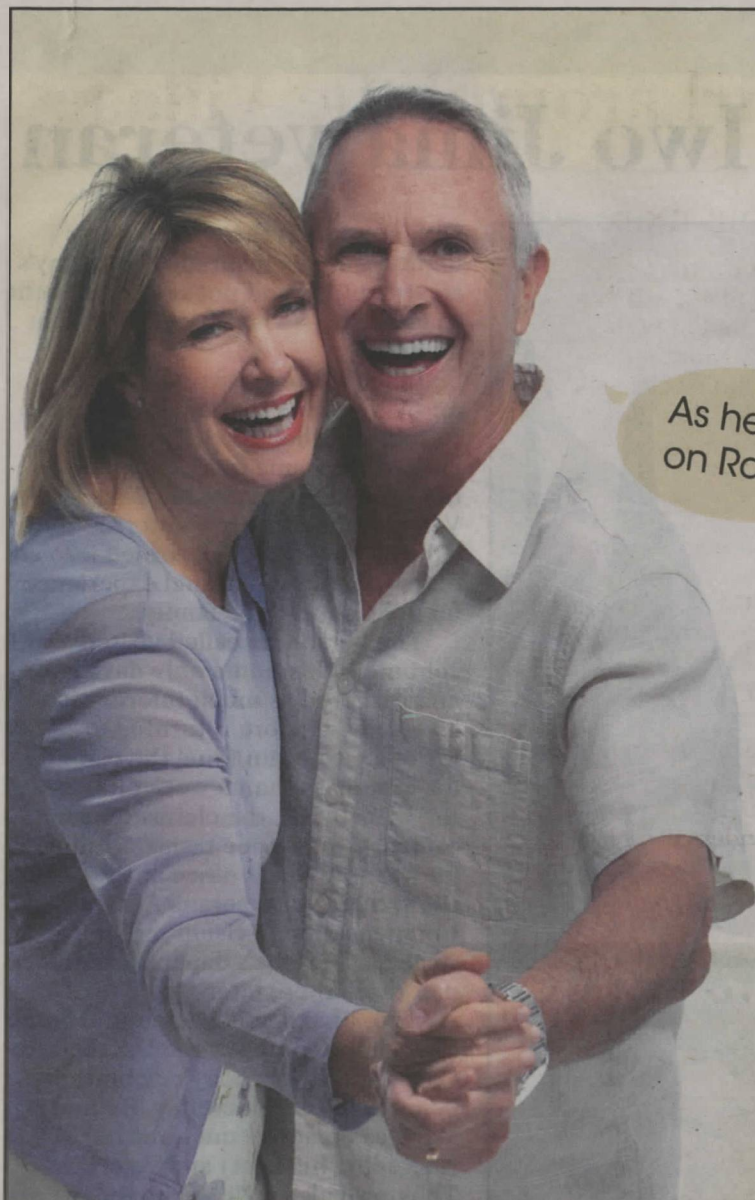
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Marine Corps stands by its Iwo Jima veteran

Village resident injured in WWII finally straightens out his disability benefits and gets honored in the process

By Paul Herring

This story starts in about 1946 when a young U.S. Marine veteran of the battle on Iwo Jima during World War II reported that he had a back injury incurred while on active duty.

The disabling back pain continues today, even after another attempt to get Veterans Affairs to process a claim through its Oxnard office two or three years ago — a long pain-filled voyage through the government bureaucracy of the Veterans Administration Healthcare and Compensation application process.

Leisure Village resident Johnnie Beach injured his back during combat operations in 1945 on the Pacific island of Iwo Jima. While handling re-supply of ammunition for use in his company's 105mm howitzer cannon, he tripped over a wire while carrying more than 200 pounds on his shoulders.

In 1946, Johnnie was living in the West Los Angeles area, not far from the old VA Wadsworth Medical Center. One morning he awoke with such pain that his wife Grace insisted he go to the hospital for medical attention. She made an appointment for Johnnie.

After arriving at the hospital they were told that the VA did not have enough knowledge of back injuries to determine what compensation to pay him. Grace was furious.

"We are not here for money or compensation. My husband needs medical attention, not a pension," she said.

They left the hospital without as much as an aspirin.

Johnnie eventually got medical attention for his back through the group health insurance of his employer.



Photo courtesy Cathy Beach

Leisure Village resident Johnnie Beach went to Los Angeles to straighten out his disability benefits and ended up being honored by the Marines.

About two years ago, the Leisure Village Veterans Club had a speaker from the Ventura County Veterans Services Office who gave a presentation on locally available

veterans benefits and services. Shortly after that meeting Johnnie made an appointment to see if he could get help for his still very painful back. The VA set him up

with a program that was almost identical to his insurance company's treatment. He did not see any benefit to changing, so he stayed with what he had.

In early November of last year, an LV Veterans Club member talked to Johnnie about trying again and offered the name of a person to talk to at the Greater Los Angeles Veterans Healthcare Center. Johnnie called — and that call turned into an extraordinary emotional experience for Johnnie and his family.

The person he called visited Johnnie in his home only days later and gathered as much information as he could before returning to his office to begin filing the claim for him. Less than a week after the initial visit, the claims officer returned to provide transportation for Johnnie to his office at the Department of Veterans Affairs Compensation Division in Los Angeles. Johnnie's daughter Cathy met them there later.

And, unexpectedly, Johnnie found himself welcomed at the U.S. Marine Corps' 237th birthday celebration being held there that day. He met Marines on active duty, retired (including his host) and veterans. They provided a USMC birthday cake that two Marines in dress blue uniforms cut with their sabers and gave him a corner piece because he was the "Guest of Honor" and a second piece for being the oldest Marine present, all according to Marine Corps tradition. The whole ceremony was video recorded by his daughter and later posted to YouTube.

Johnnie then had his picture taken with a young Marine in dress uniform and the USMC flag, and another with all the Marines in the division.

"I have never felt so honored in my life," Johnnie said. "It was an experience that just blew me away and took my breath away."

Oh yes, they did get his compensation request filed and told him it may take a year, but he will be provided monthly progress reports. Now THAT is government efficiency.

DO YOU BELIEVE IN LOVE AT
FIRST SIGHT OR SHOULD I WALK
BY AGAIN?



T. RYAN

Happy Mother's Day, My Love

By Mindy Gail Learn, V. 5

You may not recognize my face
The way you used to do....
And though my eyes are brown
You recollect they're baby blue.

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The tender love I have for you....
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No matter what, we'll see it through.

So on this special Mother's Day,
Please hold me like you're mine,
So I can be your little girl
Please Mommy, one more time.

'Glorious!' is coming

By Elva Levine

Excitement! A special happening is about to occur.

For one time in the summer, Players Guild and Showtime will join forces for the first time ever for a great professional show, and it will be "Glorious!"

It will be shown in the AR on July 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday, July 14. Tickets will go on sale Monday, June 3, from 9 to 11 a.m.; Wednesday, June 5, from 1 to 3 p.m.; and Friday, June 7, from 9 to 11 a.m.

Construction expected to start on Fitness Center this summer

By Patty Ecker

Construction on the new Fitness Center likely will begin this summer so that Villagers can be pedaling, stretching and working out with the latest equipment before the end of 2013.

General Manager Bob Scheaffer reports that work will start as soon as the city of Camarillo approves the building permit application, a 50-page document, submitted by the Village.

That process could take two months.

The city judged the construction to be a major modification, the first such designation since the initial development of Leisure Village in 1973.

Once the permit has been granted, construction of the Fitness Center is expected to take about four months.

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92-year-old Villager recalls frightening escape in WWII

Editor's note: Walter Maich, 92, has lived in Leisure Village for 12 years. He recently spent more than four hours telling his amazing story to Bob Cohen. This article is appearing in two parts, with Part I having run in the April 5 edition.

By Bob Cohen

In January 1944, future LV resident Walter Maich was shot down while on a bombing run over northern Italy. Good fortune was on his side. He met three escapee South Africans, who took care of him. He had a fortuitous meeting with an anti-fascist Italian family, the DeLucas, who would be his connection to the local partisans. Maich was now ready for the next phase of his journey — meeting up with the local partisan group and other allied troops in the area. It was to be a journey of many

steps and more months — weeks of boredom punctuated by moments of terror.

The first step was to meet with DeLuca in the dark of the night. He went to the pre-arranged meeting spot and waited.

"Soon after, I saw Graham, our navigator, and McFerson, our tail gunner, being led by the partisans to their camp. It was from McFerson that I learned of the fate of the rest of the crew.

"Louie DeLuca arrived and I decided to accept his invitation to dinner and go with him to his farmhouse, rather than join my crewmates. The farmhouse was a three-story building with the main living area on the second floor, storage and a spare bed in the attic and animal pens on the first floor. By that

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MAICH

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point, the wandering in the snow and cold had given me a cold, and my host insisted that I spend the night with them. Later, DeLuca's younger son, a Bush Guard (Forest Ranger) came to visit and told us that he had witnessed Mussolini's execution. And on that good news, we went to bed," Maich said.

"The night's peaceful sleep ended when I woke with a hand over my mouth. DeLuca signaled for quiet and pointed to a nearby window. There I saw Italian fascists leading my crewmates and the three South Africans to the German POW camp. My staying overnight was yet another lucky break for me."

Five days later, the South Africans would be free again, but that is another story.

"Later that day," Maich continued, "DeLuca brought me to a local beer hall and turned me over to a member of the local partisan group, an ex-pat Canadian-Italian who was trapped in

the country at the start of hostilities. He, in turn, brought me to yet another unused stable where I met two New Zealanders, both named Don. One had been an apple farmer in his civilian life, the other a CPA. Don the CPA spoke Italian and thus became our 'supply sergeant,' getting food and other necessities from the locals."

Once again, life settled into a pleasant, if guarded, routine. As spring came and the weather improved, Maich was able to take daily walks in the countryside. During one of these walks, he met a local farmer's daughter, and that friendship helped improve life even more.

Another lucky break:

"While on one of my daily walks, I met an English-speaking local who approached me and asked for a cigarette," Maich said. "During the conversation that ensued, the man pointed to my obviously oversized boots and asked why. I told him the story and he told me that he was a cobbler and offered to make me a custom pair for \$20 U.S. I still had

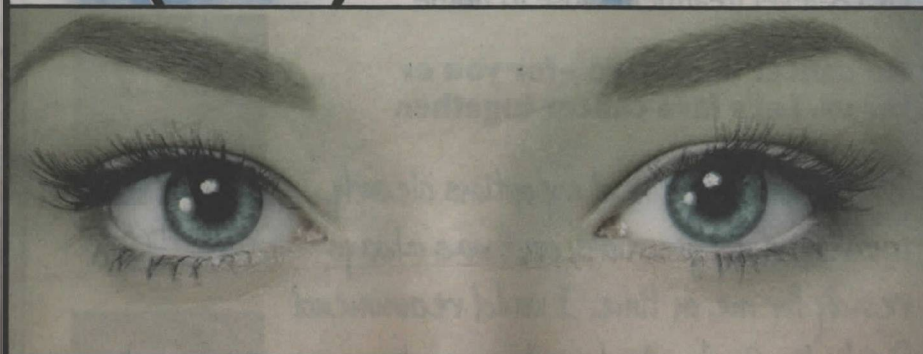
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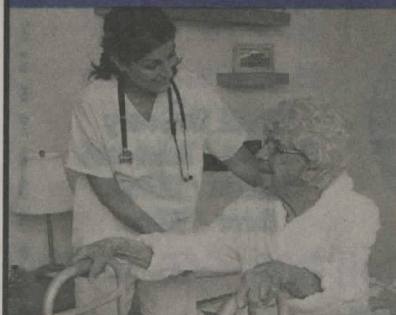


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the \$48 that was part of my escape kit, so I agreed. And I still have those boots today! Later, others said that I had overpaid. But I didn't care, they were comfortable."

(Editor's Note: It is obvious that many of the locals knew about the many Allied troops hiding in the area, but most were not betrayed to Germans.)

Spring morphed into summer, and Maich was no closer to being rescued. He was still listed as Missing In Action (MIA) and his family did not know his fate. But that was to change.

On a sunny July day, some British soldiers who were part of MI6, the British equivalent of our OSS, came by and told them of an escape to Yugoslavia planned for August. The captain had access to a hidden radio and was able to notify U.S. forces of Maich's whereabouts; he was no longer MIA, and there was a light at the end of the tunnel! Finally there was a plan. Led by a British army captain, a

disparate collection of Allied soldiers was heading to Yugoslavia. The first stop was the local partisan camp.

"One of the first things I noticed, there was a gorgeous blond member of the band," Maich recalled. "She was really stunning. Later that evening, the professor who led the band took her for a walk beyond where we could see what was happening or hear their conversation. You could imagine what we were thinking. Then there was a single gunshot. The professor had executed her! I later learned that she was a spy for the Germans and had betrayed a group of five partisans out on a raid. They had all been killed."

The next stop on the journey was a field in Yugoslavia where the British were to pick them up for the flight back to Allied-controlled lands. It was a two-day walk across the mountainous terrain, and the group had to maintain a reasonably brisk pace. But there were challenges.

"For one thing, we all looked pretty ragged. We hadn't had a haircut or shave in months. We looked like

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people on the run. One of the Brits arranged with a local barber to get us cleaned up. Then we had to cross a bridge that was pretty badly damaged, so badly damaged that we had to cross single file while mingling with the locals that were crossing," Maich remembered.

"The bridge was guarded by a small group of German soldiers. The Brits had told us that they all took meal breaks together leaving the bridge unguarded. We waited for the dinner break and began mixing with the crossing locals. It was such a slow crossing that by the time I tried it, the Germans were back. I thought I was going to have a heart attack; so close and yet... But they weren't terribly diligent, and I looked just like another Italian, so they didn't stop me.

"Before we arrived at the pickup area, we ran into a group of Tito's partisans who told us that the Germans had captured the designated landing field. So we joined the

Yugoslavians.

"We watched as they climbed the hill carrying their equipment. One member of the group was a woman who had an eye shot out in a previous battle. She was credited with killing 32 Germans. They weren't terribly friendly, but after arriving at their camp, they did share their meal of cooked flour and onions. When you're hungry, most anything tastes good."

The group was able to establish radio contact with Allied forces in Italy and arrange for another rendezvous two days hence. The site was 35 miles away and they were in for another fast-paced walk across the mountains.

"The Yugoslavians came with us as they were to get a load of supplies brought in by the British on the rescue plane. We arrived at the field in plenty of time, but the plane was a no-show."

Another day of uncertainty. So close, yet so far from freedom.

At 10 the next night, a plane approached the field. More

uncertainty: Was it the rescue plane approaching for a landing or a German fighter coming in low for a strafing run? Were they going to be rescued or had they been betrayed? It started to rain, which limited the visibility even more. The tension built until the plane was close enough to be seen; it was a British C-47!

The plane landed and slowly taxied across the field, pushing crates of supplies out the open hatch as it went.

"At the end of the field, it turned without slowing, and we started to pile on board," Maich said. "Once we were all there, the plane picked up speed, bounced across the field and was airborne. At that point, the pilot came on the intercom and said, 'I hope we make it today, we got our rear end shot off yesterday.'"

"We made it back safely to my base in Grotalia, Italy. I reported in to my first sergeant and the first thing he said was, 'I bet you could use a beer.' Then he asked if I wanted to finish my

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Walter Maich shows the boots that were made for him that helped him escape Europe.

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tour, or did I want to go home. I didn't have to think about that very long, I chose to go home. They gave me another stripe to sergeant first class and sent me to Palermo for a slow boat ride home."

It was indeed a slow boat ride home and an uncomfortable one. The ship was a liberty ship whose cargo holds had been converted to carry POWs. The conversion consisted of bunk beds stacked 10 high. Most of the 5,000 passengers on the ship were German POWs.

"I was in bunk 6 (of the 10)," Maich recalled, "and all they gave us during the trip home was coffee and K-Rations. The ship crossed without an escort once we passed from the Mediterranean into the

Atlantic Ocean. That meant that the ship had to follow a zigzag course to make it harder for a U-Boat to sink us, which added two days to the trip. But we did make it to Newport News, Virginia.

"Once they unloaded all of the POWs, they let us off. They sent me through a delousing station, issued a new uniform and put me on a train to California and home. After a two-month leave, I was offered a chance to go to aircraft maintenance school in Champaign, Illinois," Maich said.

Eventually, the war ended, Maich was discharged, got married and faced the daunting task that many veterans faced: adjusting to married life and a peacetime economy. There was to be a long road from Champaign to Leisure Village.

But, that is another story.

Theater Beat: Classics take to the local stage

Camarillo Community Theatre: "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," May 24 through June 23. 330 Skyway Dr., Camarillo, 388-5716.

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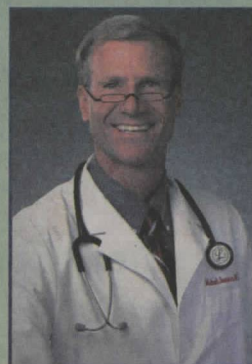
Elite Theatre Company: "God of Carnage," through May 19. 2731 Victoria Blvd., Oxnard, 483-5118.

High Street Arts Center: "Inherit the Wind," through May. 12. 45 E. High St., Moorpark, 529-8700.

Rubicon Theater: "Lonesome Traveler," through May 19. 1006 E. Main St., Ventura, 667-2900.

Santa Paula Theater Center: "In the Next Room," through May 26. 125 South 7th St., Santa Paula, 525-4645.

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Opinion piece misuses the word 'attacked'

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Agreed: The Town Hall meeting was a smashing success. And congratulations, ILV Associate Editor Bob Cohen, your hope has become reality! I'm running for the Board. And while I'm in the process of doing that, my opinion is you should put some time toward refreshing your memory as to the appropriate use and definition of the word "attacked." My comments were truthful and, yes, opinionated... period.

Writer of opinion piece responds to White

By Bob Cohen

The Town Hall article I wrote was clearly identified as an opinion piece — and it was just that, my opinion, or phrased another way, my reaction to what was said and how it was presented by Jeanne and by Ted.

I have reread the article

and frankly would make only one very slight change. As for the use of attack, my (American Heritage) dictionary includes a definition of "to bombard with hostile criticism" and further states that "attack applies to any offensive action, physical or verbal...."

Further, Dictionary.com contains the following: "To set upon in an ... aggressive way and to direct unfavorable criticism against."

Enough said.

I am pleased that Jeanne is running for the Board, but I stand by my opinion.

ANGEL

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life before that lottery ticket," Mimi says. "I realized I wanted to do something good with it."

So she arranged to take 10 needy children to Magic Mountain for the day. She rented cars, got other adults to go along, and off they went.

For those kids, the park became Magical Mountain that day: all the rides and the food they wanted, even souvenirs before they left the park at 10 p.m.

Mimi was hooked on helping them.

"Kids do nothing to deserve abuse and neglect. Someone has to do things for them," she remembers thinking. And she became that someone.

In 1994, a new facility on the outskirts of Camarillo called Casa Pacifica — a residence for abused, neglected, or abandoned children — opened. Mimi volunteered to become an original angel there, and she's never stopped.

Casa Pacifica calls its volunteers "angels." They arrange events for the kids throughout the year, spearhead fundraising and, following Mimi's example, keep an eye on

what the children want and need.

"A little boy couldn't settle in; he only wanted to go home to his mom," Mimi remembers. "She had died, but he wouldn't believe it. We went to the cemetery and saw that her grave had no headstone. So I raised the money for one, had it installed and took the boy to see it. It calmed him; he began to recover."

Over the years, Mimi has been honored regularly. However, it's the kids' reactions that are more important to her. As the new campus was being completed, she bought a pool table and a ping-pong table for it.

"It makes me feel good to give them something they can't get themselves," she says quietly.

She's an angel recruiter, too, for Casa Pacifica.

"I take my neighbors to Open Houses there and they usually sign up. After I donated two sewing machines, a Village friend volunteered to teach kids to sew," she recalls.

Mimi is 91, but sees no reason to retire her wings.

"As long as those kids need us, why should I stop?" concludes this angel.



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Board candidates introduced at May 23 meeting in the AR

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by the June 27 deadline.

The candidates for those positions will be announced on Monday, May 6, at the regular Board meeting. They have been chosen by the Nominating Committee or by petitions signed by at least 43 homeowners (no less than 2 percent of eligible voters). Unofficial reports indicate that an unusually large number of candidates have qualified for the ballot.

Voters can assess those contenders at the only public campaign event, Candidates Night. It will be held on Thursday, May 23, at 7 p.m. in the AR.

The controlled format will include opening and closing statements by each nominee and their answers to written questions from the audience. The event will be televised live by LVTV.

"Board elections are crucial to the ongoing operation of the Village," says chair of the Nominating Committee Don Marquardt. "Every homeowner — there are 2,136 — should take the responsibility seriously. We need 50 percent plus one of eligible voters to complete the election; that's 1,069 voters at the minimum."

Candidates Night provides the opportunity to evaluate the nominees. Ballots go out to voters the next day, May 24.

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Life's experiences, both good and bad, can affect how older people fall in love — or don't

By Steve Strem

The current class of "Dating and Relationships for Seniors" has completed the 90-day course. We have covered the dating process for seniors, which is different and more challenging than for the younger generation. Full class participation made the course very interesting and lively, with a lot of humor added.

We have had role-playing with class critics, discussed personal relationship and dating problems and covered the "red flags" to look for in all areas.

Dating and relationships for seniors is a unique and new

experience. Today, we have dating sites on the Internet. We have our own history; our past experiences, good or bad; we have large families to deal with on both sides, etc. It is much more difficult to navigate these waters with all the "baggage and history" we are carrying.

On the other side, as we get older, we are also wiser.

Relationships, perhaps more than any other facet of our lives, define who we are and what we value. Family ties, love relationships and friendships all play a huge role in the overall happiness factor. So it stands the reason that healthy relationships — establishing them and maintaining them — should rank high on our list of priorities for living a healthy lifestyle.

Relationships can provide an immense joy and personal satisfaction, but they can also be frustrating. Like everything good in life, a good relationship

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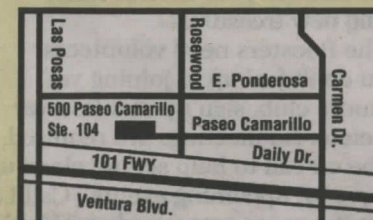
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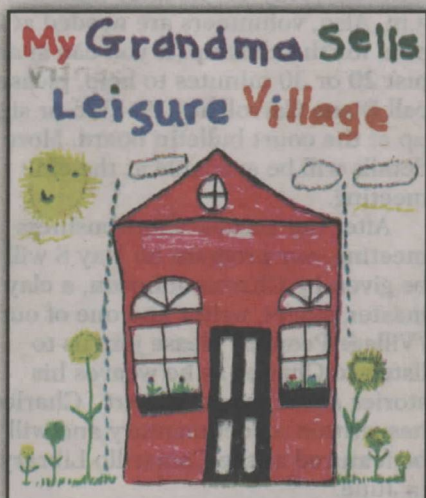
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The Booster Club

By Lin Grant

The Booster Club is again sponsoring the Spring Sale in the Pavilion at 9 a.m. May 11. There will be free breakfast pastries with coffee, and hot dogs with drinks at lunchtime. Come and see your friends while finding new treasures.

The Boosters need volunteers. If you don't feel up to joining yet one more club, sign up as a Booster Associate. No meetings are required, just be on call to help set up, clean up or serve on upcoming events. Call Lin Grant if you are interested at 714-878-7323.

We are always seeking new members with new ideas and suggestions. We meet the third Monday of each month in the MPR. Our goal is providing community fellowship and fundraising for special Village projects. Isn't it time you became a Booster?

Women's Golf

By Ann Rogers

The weather has warmed up and dried off a bit so we are enjoying some beautiful spring days for golf.

At the April 10 meeting we voted to change to 8 a.m. First Tee times at weekly tournaments until end of October.

Several new members have joined the club and we are glad to have them. We invite all golf-inclined women to join us Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Coming up in June is our New Officers Installation in the AR. Tickets are \$10, and the food will be provided by Wood Ranch. Yum!

On May 15 and 22 we play our President's Cup Tournament. There's still time to sign up if you haven't yet.

SAS Dinner Out

By Zelda Greentree

LV's Single Active Seniors invites all singles to join us on the second Tuesday of each month for our Dinner



Photo by Ann Rogers

New officers of the LV Women's Golf Association include, from left, Wilma Hutson, president, and Naomi Sklar, Merle Ruiz, Gail Hillesheim and Jan Gerk.

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Friday Night Country Western Dance

By Sue-Ellen Colp

This dance was amazing. We just celebrated our third anniversary of the club, plus we celebrated Buster's birthday. I want to thank everyone who came to celebrate. It was a great turnout. We had a lasagna dinner with bread, salad and cake. Thank you to Mary Jane Porter and Joyce Belcher for helping me set up and take command. Thank you to everyone who brought goodies and helped.

We had some great door prizes, including gift cards to Trader Joe's, a gas card, Vons gift card, restaurant gift cards and so much I can't remember. Sharon taught the line dance that was easy and simple and enjoyed by all.

Come to our next dance Friday, May 3, in the AR from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Dance lessons by Sue-Ellen

begin at 8:15. Bring a snack to share. Punch, coffee and water will be provided. BYOB and come join the fun. Hope to see you there.

For more information call Sharon at 910-9428.

Writers Club

By Harvey S. Brosler

The Writers Club meets on Mondays at 1 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. The purpose of the club is to bring together residents to present stories or poems on any subject, real or fictitious, including thought-provoking topics. Many stories or poems relate to events in member's lives. The club provides an avenue for members to document meaningful aspects of childhood and adult memories or family anecdotes that they may never have shared.

Microphones are set up around the table for members to use so that everyone can hear. Some members read stories or poems while other members may just only come to listen, enjoy and learn. No special ability or prior experience is required. Everyone is welcome to attend. Members do not critique stories but may comment.

The stories of the month are located on the wall just inside the

entrance to the library. Suggested topics are furnished. Suggested topics for May are: "My Favorite Supermarket," "My Best Friend" and "Advertisements I Dislike."

For further information about becoming a member and participating, contact Harvey S. Brosler, president, at hsbros@roadrunner.com or 805-465-0006.

Racquet Club

By Trish Zakas

There will be a Racquet Club meeting Wednesday, May 8, at 7 p.m. in the MPR. Some of the items on the agenda include discussions about the July Casta Del Sol paddle tennis tournament, the annual picnic, table tennis status, and the Racquet Club table at the Spring Yard Sale.

Club members, please clean out your garage and closets so we can have merchandise for the Spring Sale. Ask your neighbors if they have items they'd like to contribute. Then bring all your donations to the Pavilion on Saturday, May 11, no later than 8 a.m. Also, volunteers are needed at 2 p.m. for the cleanup. If you can spare just 20 or 30 minutes to help, please call Diane Carroll at 419-4325 or sign up at the court bulletin board. More details will be available at the club meeting.

After our regular short business meeting, our program on May 8 will be given by Charles Johnson, a clay master, singer, writer and one of our "Village People." Please join us to listen to Charles as he weaves his stories about music and art. Charles has written a documentary and will be featured at the Camarillo Library in June.

A new paddle tennis round robin group is now playing on Tuesday evenings starting at 5:45 p.m. This time slot has been established to accommodate those paddle tennis enthusiasts who are still working and cannot play during the day. However, all players — working or fully retired — are invited to come out and join the game. Note: This time slot is for people who know how to play; lessons are not given at this session.

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is our second pickleball in-house tournament. Ken Hendrickson is chairing the event, and if it's like the last one he organized, it will be a ton of fun. A sign-up sheet is on the court bulletin board. Want to learn pickleball? Instruction is every Monday and Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. at the courts. In just two weeks' time you will be tournament ready.

Speaking of instruction, table tennis has an ongoing class every Monday at 3 p.m. in the Paddle Palace located in the Annex. Open play for everyone, newbie or experienced player, starts Mondays at 4 p.m. Everyone is invited; you don't have to be a Racquet Club member to participate. Need more info? Call John Peterson at 388-1230.

Wii Bowling

By Joyce Schifanelli

The LV Wii Bowling Club held its second Mixed Averages Tournament on Saturday, March 23. Four TVs were set up in the AR to accommodate the competition of eight teams, each consisting of four bowlers.

At the conclusion, two teams, The Mariners and The Blue Devils, battled for first place, and the unpredictable happened: The game resulted in a tie with 707 pins by each team. A sudden death frame was played, and The Mariners won by two pins.

The Mariners members were: Captain, Paul Hassett, Helen Hartman, Kathy Wirtz and Bob Kaplan.

The Blue Devils members were: Captain, Millie Abrams, Ginny Brice, Darryl Sobelman and Carole Warren.

The Pin Blasters took third place with Captain, Vera Erskine, Carole Miller, Lyn Bennett and Ann Zuliani, the bowler who achieved 278 pins, the individual highest score for any game.

All three top team members received prizes.

Everyone had a wonderful and exciting time and enjoyed a bountiful potluck lunch midway through the competition.



Photo by Jerry Spector

Members of The Mariners, which won the LV Wii Bowling Club's second Mixed Averages Tournament, are, from left, Bob Kaplan, Kathy Wirtz, Helen Hartman and Paul Hassett, the team captain.

Join in the fun with the LV Wii Bowling Club. Scheduled play slots are available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. For information call Carole Miller at 383-0715 or Paul Schifanelli at 419-4124.

International Folk Dance

By Michele Malkin

International Folk Dance meets every Monday between 1 and 2:30 p.m. in the Sun Room. We do dances from Russia, Ireland, Japan, Israel, Romania, The Balkans and Yugoslavia. Valerie Daley is our great instructor. It is low-impact dancing. If there are turns in the dance, you don't have to turn if you don't feel like it. No experience is necessary. And if you have two left feet, that is OK. Just join

us and have fun. Any questions, call Michele at 383-9996.

LV Bowling

By Bob Cohen

The 2012-2013 season is winding down with just two weeks of league play remaining. But that doesn't mean that the players are winding down as evidenced by the nine 200-plus games bowled in the last four weeks.

Dennis Durand took top honors not only in the number of games (three), but in the top score of 244 to accompany his 200 and 215 games. Alan Singer was close behind with a 202 and 214 scratch duo. Rounding out the group were Ted Ryan (233), Bob McQuivey (223), Big Al Schuster (209) and Tash Guzman (202).

Side pot winners for Week 27 were Ted Ryan, Jerry Schneider and

Dennis Durand for the men and Mary Ahearn, Vi Guzman and Nora Potter for the ladies.

Side pot winners for Week 28 were Phil Kamens, Dennis Durand and Bob McQuivey for the men, and new recruit Olga Clode, Billie Stimac and Nora Potter for the ladies.

Side pot winners for Week 29 were Len Belcher, Bigg Al Schuster and Sal Carbone for the men, and Ellen Neally, Gail Singer and Carolyn Sherman for the ladies.

Side pot winners for Week 30 were Herb Fogel, Art Titan and Bigg Al for the men, and Claudia Roberts, Lucy Fiore and Vi Guzman for the ladies.

The Week 31 competition will determine the winner of the second half season championship as Team 8 (Leslie Fox, Richard Cato and John Albany) fight to keep their No. 1 position. The two segment winners will meet on Week 32 to determine the season championship.

At this point, the winner of the last place Crying Towel is all but assured, but hope springs eternal so I won't predict.

Camera Club

By Marion Green

Our club meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the MPR, with judging on the first Wednesday.

We welcomed Pete Padilla as the judge for last month's meeting. The Assigned category was "Birds, Animals, Insects." The following won in that category: first, Lee Clukey; second, Doug Demers; third, Marlene Votion. Honorable Mentions were awarded to Larry Forkner and Jean Kohut.

In the Open category, Don Treadwell won first, John Kingsley second, Jerry Spector third and Marg Petersen and Doug Demers captured Honorable Mentions.

First place in the Creative category went to Frank DeSimone, second to Jerry Spector and third to Marlene Votion.

The assigned category for May is "Patterns, Textures, Abstracts." Jerry Spector will be giving the mid-

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It's volunteers that make Leisure Village go 'round

By Marion Green, a volunteer

While working hard at learning the steps to a new line dance in the AR one recent Friday afternoon, a group of gals came into the room and said to the dancers, "Don't mind us, we won't mind you."

The dance lesson continued while an amazing transformation took place.

One minute the AR — wooden floor, round tables, chairs and stage — was the normal meeting place, but within a very short time, these gals, moving like a well-oiled machine, had changed the room into a sight to behold. White drapes covered the walls up to the stage.

At one time, sitting on the floor for hours, The Mavericks had made paper drapes. When done, the change in the appearance of the room was remarkable, and they decided to purchase white drapes as a permanent covering. The round tables were now covered with white tablecloths, overlaid by another pastel colored smaller cloth. Each chair had a white seat and back covering. What was happening?

There was a fashion show scheduled that night, and The Mavericks Club was preparing for the evening's festivities. Other volunteers had arrived at 10 a.m. and worked until 2 p.m. cutting up lettuce, nuts, apples, raisins and more for the hundreds of salad and dessert dishes for their evening guests.

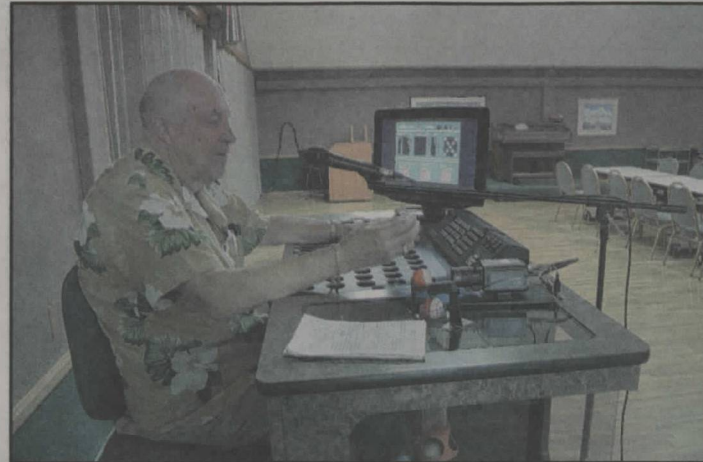
This is just one of the examples of what goes on behind the scenes to bring entertainment and an abundance of activities to the residents of Leisure Village.

A recent edition of LV Events' eNews listed 53 registered clubs and groups. There are more! Each of these groups has a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer and volunteers to keep things running. They all work very hard at their tasks to create a successful experience for the residents.

Leisure Village would not be what it is without the myriad of volunteers that put it all together. There are too many to name, so I can only mention a few to illustrate this point.

Len and Trish Zakas of the Racquet

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Chuck Donnel volunteers to be the caller during Bingo games in the Village.



Photos by Jerry Spector

Norm Chapman volunteers his time to teach ceramics to interested students in the Village.



Marlene Votion volunteers with the Bone Builders.

One of the married couples who volunteer in more than 15 activities did not have time to give an interview for this story; they were too busy!



Sam Arouesty volunteers with the LV Musicians — and that's music for everyone's ears.

VILLAGE VOLUNTEERS



Photos by Jerry Spector

Without this corps of volunteers, there would have been no Fourth of July Picnic in Leisure Village.



Bill Foeller works the sound system for Players Guild.



Jane Needle volunteers for Buildings and Grounds.



Marge May is a 23-year Village volunteer, and Ted Lansing is president of the Ham Radio Club.



John and Kathy Wirtz work lights for Players Guild.

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Club offer Paddle Tennis lessons to anyone interested in learning.

A member of the Village Arts club has engaged a teacher who will come to LV to teach a pastel class.

One of the married couples who volunteer in more than 15 activities did not have time to give an interview for this story; they were too busy!

Ben Racowsky, who happens to be 97, recruits the professional photographers who act as judges for the Camera Club and also volunteers outside the village at a local school.

The Women's Club collected requested items and letters of encouragement written by Leisure Village residents to send to our military stationed in Afghanistan. They have kitchen helpers who prepare the desserts served at the social hour following each meeting. They are delighted to have 40 male members! Volunteers sit at the Travel Window three days a week to help residents plan outstanding trips.

Shows are put on for our entertainment on a regular basis. Besides the work the actors do, there are volunteers behind the scenes who build sets, monitor the sound and lights, move stage furniture and help with makeup and costumes. Volunteers sit in the lobby and sell tickets.

The Computer Club offers mentoring for both PCs and Macs.

The LVTV group includes volunteers who type the messages the clubs request for the 24-hour message board. Their members work diligently to prepare TV shows to entertain and educate.

Volunteers record the phone tree to remind residents of upcoming meetings.

Have you picked up a magazine or enjoyed a book from our library? Volunteers keep the books in order for your reading pleasure.

The newspaper you are reading is put together by unpaid volunteers.

Has reading this worn you out? The point is that we really are one big family here. If you are new to the Village, pick a club or activity and come on board. Any club you join will eagerly welcome anyone's offer to volunteer. If you've lived here a while and haven't gotten involved, jump in. There are friends to be made and fun to be had.

It is all of us that make up this wonderful experience called Leisure Village.

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month workshop titled, "How to Turn the Lights On." With a provocative title like that, we expect many attendees on Wednesday, May 15.

Our mid-month workshops have been a tremendous success, and we've had several residents join after seeing what the club offers. As always, we invite everyone to drop by. We have several members who come just to enjoy viewing the photographs entered and hearing the judge's critique. No cameras required!

We are pleased to have our award-winning pictures adorn the walls of the lobby and the administration offices. Come join the fun. For more information, call Judy Spector at 384-9039.

Woodshop

By Chuck Russell

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

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

Last month the chair shown here was shown in its unrepaired condition. This month's photo shows the results of the repairs to broken spindles and loose joints.

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



Photos by Chuck Russell

At far right is the photo of the broken chair that ran in last month's "Inside Leisure Village." Above is the chair after the Woodshop got its hands on it.

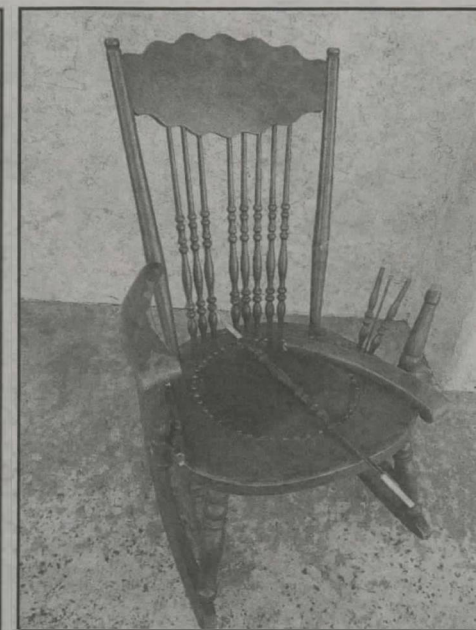
LV Musicians

By Roy Badger

The LV Musicians Club held its regular meeting April 11 in the AR. There were approximately 55 people who attended. The room was set up with eight round tables, which created

a more casual atmosphere. We were entertained by several talented musicians who live in the Village and by one from outside the Village who has performed for us several times before.

In May we will have our regular meeting on Thursday, May 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. In addition, we will have the Adolfo Camarillo High School Jazz Bands come and play for us on



Tuesday, May 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the AR. This event will be free, but you will need to pick up a ticket to attend. We request donations be made to the Adolfo Camarillo High School Music Program, as we have done in the past.

On June 9 Richard Weiss will have a Pops Concert, and on Aug. 11, from 2 to 4:30 p.m., we will have the Night Blooming Jazz Band here to play for us. This band has performed all over the world and at many jazz festivals.

Come join our club for a small \$5 a year membership and enjoy some great music. Call Roy Badger at 388-9335 if you have any questions about the club or its activities.

Big Band

By Roy Badger

The band will be practicing on Tuesdays, May 7, 21 and 28, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the AR. Come and listen to some great music and dance to it if you like.

Sing-A-Long

By Roy Badger

We will have Sing-A-Long on Mondays, May 6 and May 27, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Come sing with friends

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and have fun. On May 27, we have "The Sound of Music" with the words on the screen. Come and enjoy singing with us to this great musical.

LV Men's Golf Association

By Rob Sollett

Have I got news for you, dear reader: Don Nicksay, a member for almost two months, won the top spot in the 80 and Over Super Senior Tournament.

Nicksay, 85, moved to Leisure Village early this year and wasted no time in joining the LVMGA, playing with the 18ers. He said his win is a wonderful welcome "with another fine day of golf with my new friends."

"For me," he added, "golf is more social than competitive."

Nicksay started playing golf as a youngster using wood shafted clubs but quickly switched to steel. Welcome, Don! We're pleased to have you.

Other first place winners include Art Thompson for the Nine Hole Golfers and John Beiner in the 75 to 80 Group. Well done, kids.

We welcome back Norm Zimring. He joins new members Dan Connelly, Patrick Price, Armond Gauthier and Fred Wells.

The Spring Sale will held Saturday, May 11, in the Pavilion. If you're sick and tired of that blasted club that doesn't work at all, we can find it a new home. We are also accepting donations of non-golf items, which will benefit the club's treasury. You can leave your items in the golf shack or bring them to our booth the morning of the sale. Your old stuff is someone's new stuff. Make a golfer happy!

The President's Cup and Niner's Cup will be played in May. Consult the bulletin board for updated information.

The LVMGA will be celebrating its 40th anniversary. We are looking for suggestions on how to



Photo by Rob Sollett

Don Nicksay, the first-place winner in the 80-and-Over Super Senior Tournament, celebrates his win.

mark our fourth decade. Please bring your ideas to the next meeting or stop a member of the board and chat a bit. Be part of this historic event.

"Let's make this exciting and fun," adds John Wirtz.

The Tee Timers Tournament was bathed with warm sunshine and dedicated golfers. Hats off for a job well done. Top winners include

Bill Byrnes, Teruko Nishizaka, Bob Michna, John Wirtz, Ernie Ohmstedt and Merle Ruiz for Low Gross in their prospective flights.

Mark your calendars in June for the Installation of Officers and Awards Luncheon June 19. This is one luncheon you shouldn't miss.

That does it for me. Let's play golf.

LV Pet Club

By Mary Ann Robnett

Many Pet Club members have expressed an interest in a fenced off-leash area in Leisure Village for their dogs. In response to this interest Rita Linsey presented a proposal for an unleashed Pet Activity Area (PAA) at our April meeting. The area suggested was between the Walk of Celebration and the Pavilion. Nearby residents were in attendance. The area was Photoshopped so we could see how it would look fenced. There was much discussion regarding the size of the area, type of fencing and ground cover, noise, appearance, parking impact, foot traffic and loss of privacy for nearby residents. Maintenance of the area, rules and regulations were also addressed.

In order to assess the need and demand for a PAA in Leisure Village for our dogs, the Pet Club conducted a "phone your neighbor" survey of Villagers in April. We will discuss the results at our May meeting. Please attend if you have any questions or concerns.

Our next meeting will be May 13 at 7 p.m. in the MPR. The Cat Doctor, Darcie Heyes, DVM, will be our speaker. All cat owners are especially invited to attend. For more information call Mary Ann Robnett at 484-9694 or Barbara Krohta at 445-4809.

RV Club

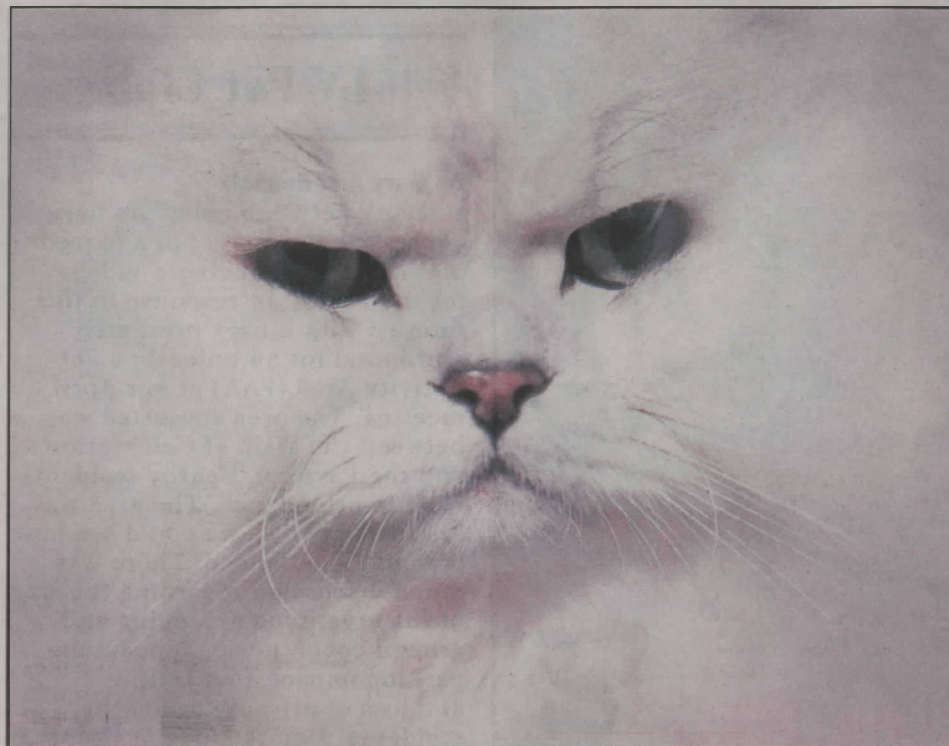
By Fred Sass

We have a dine-out Tuesday, May 7, at 5 p.m. at Brats Brothers in Newbury Park. Call Sharon Loney at 987-8292 to sign up.

The Pancake Breakfast is Saturday, June 1, so this is the month to get your tickets for this event. Tickets are \$7 each. We will be adding scrambled eggs this year to those who ask for them.

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Lee Clukey's "Cat" took first place in the Assigned category of "Animals, Birds, Insects" in the LV Camera Club's monthly contest for April.

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On May 8 we will have a drive-up ticket sale in front of the Rec Center from 9 a.m. to noon and 2 to 5 p.m. You can drive up and get tickets for the Pancake Breakfast. If you can't get to that and you can't find someone to buy a ticket from, call me, Fred Sass, at 987-3713, and I will get tickets to you.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 21, at 6:30 p.m.

The Mavericks

By Margo Secia

Due to the long Memorial Holiday weekend, the Mavericks will be dark in May.

On Sunday, June 9, the club will have a "Game Day In The Park." All games will be open for play, such as golf, pickleball, paddle tennis, bocce ball, chess, horseshoes, shuffleboard, tennis, cards and LCR.

Starting at 8 a.m. teams will be drawn for a golf scramble, with play starting at 8:30 a.m. Sign up on the sheet posted at the Men's Golf Shack.

At 9:30 a.m., Trish Zakas will give pickleball and paddle tennis lessons at the courts if we have at least eight people sign up. The sign-up sheet is at the Men's Golf Shack.

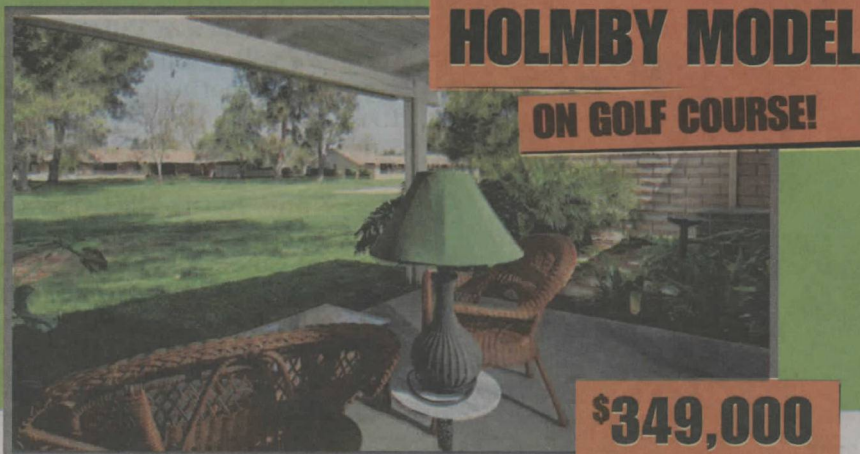
Snacks and beverages will be available for all the players to enjoy.

Watch for any further details in the June ILV issue and eNews. Please come out and join in this fun day in our beautiful park.

Membership dues of \$5 for the year May 2013 to May 2014 can be paid now by contacting Ellie Edwards at 987-8660 and on Game Day.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact President Jeanne White at 207-9869.

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Players Guild

By Joyce Belcher

Players Guild would like to thank all those who came out to see our play, "Play it Again Sam" and supported us. The actors and director worked very hard for four months, and we commend them for a great job. Kudos to each and every one of them.

On May 16 at 7:30 p.m. after our short meeting, we will present a great workshop produced and directed by Joyce and Paul Schifanelli titled "South Pacific," a mini musical review. This promises to be a wonderful evening of entertainment. As usual, refreshments will follow.

Don't forget to pencil in for the special three-day event on July 12 through 14, when Players Guild and Showtyme team up for the first time to present a play, "Glorious," starring professional actors. We will be giving all the details as the time gets near. For information, call Joyce Belcher at 445-9500.

Travel Committee

By Glenn Whitlock

The Space Shuttle Endeavour trip scheduled for May 16 and the Hollywood Bowl trip for July 2 are now standby only. If you are interested in a particular trip we encourage you to come by the travel office and schedule the trip ASAP so you do not miss out on our magnificent excursions.

On May 14 we have a trip scheduled for all you foodies called "A Taste of L.A." Curt Tucker will guide us through Los Angeles neighborhoods to sample the best foods they offer: churros, dim sum in Chinatown, baklava at the Baklava Factory, Tam

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O'Shanter for a taste of their famous prime rib sandwich and wine at the city's only winery. The tour will include many samples, so come hungry and ready to explore the many culturally inspired treats LA has to offer. The price is \$80, the cancel-by date is April 30 and the escort is Harriet Lit.

On June 2, an opportunity to enjoy lunch and a show in a rustic dude ranch setting at one of Santa Barbara's most charming theatres is waiting for you. Come and enjoy "The Importance of Being Earnest" with friends and neighbors from here in our beautiful Leisure Village. The price is \$85, the escort is Isabel Blau and the cancel-by date has passed.

Another fun evening at the Hollywood Pantages Theatre is planned for June 9. "Pricilla - a Musical Comedy," a major Broadway hit, comes to the Los Angeles area. Remember, no ticket returns or exchanges for this event. The price is \$95, the cancel-by date has passed

and the escort is Judy Foxman.

"Lights! Camera! Action!" The 2013 Pageant of the Masters will celebrate its 80th birthday of living pictures — the original freeze frame — at the Festival of Arts. Curt Tucker will be our guide for this adventure, which begins with a drive along the California Coast as we travel to the Dana Point Marina Inn & Harbor. This will be our overnight home with an opportunity to enjoy a fantastic lunch at one of the many local restaurants or visit the snack shops surrounding the harbor. You will have a chance to relax before our magical evening begins, including an opportunity to dine at one of the two restaurants located on the festival grounds. After the show, we will return to our hotel. Day two begins with a complimentary breakfast at the hotel before departing for San Juan Capistrano Mission. So, come join us August 27-28 for an exciting summer getaway. The price is \$188 per person double, \$225 per person single. Tickets are non-

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CLUB NEWS



Frank DeSimone took first place in the Creative category for "Who Nose Where I Will Land" during the Camera Club's monthly competition for April.

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refundable. The escort is MJ Porter.

Coming later this year are trips planned for Primm, Buffalo Bills Casino and Resort June 25-27, and a trip to Catalina in August, all by summer's end. Remember: Suggestions for future trips are always welcomed.

can contact any Billiard Club officer to purchase them.

Awards for the 1 & 15 Tournament will be presented at the monthly meeting that is scheduled for Tuesday, May 28. Please mark your calendar for this event.

Billiard Club

By Jack Quinn

Tickets for the Picnic in the Park on Sunday, June 2, are on sale. You

Beginner Line Dance Class

By Tina Nunnally

The class meets on Tuesdays from

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CLUB NEWS

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2:30 to 4 p.m. in the AR. Extra help is available from 2:30 to 3 p.m., and the class is from 3 to 4 p.m. Sharon O'Connor is the dance instructor. Regular attendance is recommended in order to learn basic steps and dances. We dance to various styles. Come join the fun. This is an activity that is great for the mind, body and spirit. Contact Sharon if you have any questions regarding this class at 805-910-9428. Looking forward to seeing you.

Showtyme

By Elva Levine

For Friday, May 10, we are happy to bring back Bonnie Bowden. She has graced the stage and media across the globe with her versatile and melodic vocal talent from pop to jazz and Broadway to classical.

If you haven't renewed your membership you can do so at this

meeting. Memberships are still \$7 per year, January through December. The earlier we know how many members we have, the easier it is to schedule good shows.

Women's Club

By Chi Chun

Bingo lovers: Get ready for the annual Bingo Day at the General Meeting in the AR on May 9; arrive early at 1 p.m. to get your cards. It is free for members and only \$2 for non-members; extra cards are available. It will be fun for everyone, and there will be prizes for winners.

Workshop is open every Tuesday morning from 9 to 11 a.m. in the MPR. See the beautiful handcrafted gifts, See's candy and a new batch of necklaces and earrings — all great for Mother's Day or other occasions.

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- Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.
- Velcro — what a rip off!
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WHAT'S COOKIN' IN THE VILLAGE

Iceberg Wedge Salad a delight

By Susan Amerikaner

When my mother made salad, iceberg lettuce was the choice of the day — the only choice. Now our stores carry all types of the green stuff: butter, romaine, arugula, mesclun, watercress and so on. Iceberg lost respect.

Then the Wedge Salad started to appear. It's made with iceberg lettuce and served at fine restaurants for unspeakable prices!

Wedge Salad doesn't pretend to be low-calorie or heart-healthy. It is crunchy, rich and fabulous. For a special occasion, it can't be beat. It's my husband's favorite. And you save a bundle by making it yourself!

The classic Wedge Salad calls for blue cheese, but you can experiment with other cheeses, such as gorgonzola, feta or goat cheese or even cheddar. You can also use any dressing you like, such as Ranch. Make it a meal in itself — or have it with a steak!

This recipe serves four, but you can make one wedge at a time and have

salad for one. All the amounts of the ingredients can be changed to your taste.

Ingredients

Head of iceberg lettuce
Chunky Blue Cheese Dressing (3/4 cup)
Crumbled blue cheese (3/4 to one cup)
Crumbled bacon (can use real bacon bits in jar)
Chopped red onions (1/2 cup)
Chopped tomatoes or cherry tomatoes

Directions

Remove outer leaves of lettuce and rinse it while keeping it whole. Don't pull it apart! Then cut head into quarters and place on paper towels to dry. Put one quarter on each plate or salad bowl so that the wedge is facing up. Add tomatoes. Pour several tablespoons (or more) of dressing over each wedge. Sprinkle crumbled cheese over the dressing. Sprinkle crumbled bacon bits on top. Enjoy a "new" American classic.

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— Marty Horn, developer of the website <http://www.anysoldier.com/>.

By Marion Green

It was a chilly Saturday morning, but happily gathered at Clay Starr's home was a group of women from the Women's Club who had volunteered to pack the boxes going to our military.

The club requested donations from their members to be included in the boxes being shipped. As always, the club came through. The table was loaded with breakfast items, toiletries, snack bars, coffee, creamers and much more.

Utilizing the website <http://www.anysoldier.com/>, Clay had gotten the names, addresses and list of requested items from three units currently stationed in Afghanistan. The three units were varied; one was made up of seven males and one female who only

asked for letters. Can you imagine, when asked, their only request was to receive letters? How important they must be to them!

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Well, the gals made sure they got more than letters. They got breakfast cereal, nuts, coffee and creamers, hand cream, deodorants, a special makeup kit for the one female in that unit and pistachios.

The troops in the next unit were serving their first deployment and said they would be happy to receive anything.

The third unit was made up of 12 males whose only request was for breakfast items.

By the time they were done, the women had completed filling eight boxes for 43 military members to be shipped to the three units in Afghanistan.

Individuals can also use this website to show their gratitude for everything our military does to keep our country safe.

There are many opportunities available for all of us. This is another job well done by the Leisure Village Women's Club.



Photos by Marion Green

Clockwise from top right: Terri Clemons Helen Eggert, Donna Searcy and Clay Starr take a break from packing; Helen Eggert, Terri Clemons and Donna Searcy tape boxes; and Wilma Hutson and Helen Eggert get ready to ship a box.

Vitamin D deficiency becomes common as we get older

By Elen and Andy Smith

Aging brings about symptoms one may never have experienced in his or her younger years: fatigue, general muscle pain and weakness, muscle cramps, weight gain, bladder problems, joint pain, poor concentration, restless sleep, constipation, diarrhea — the list goes on.

These symptoms may be the result of normal wear and tear on the body over the years. They are also symptoms of vitamin D deficiency, a potentially serious condition that has gotten more attention over the years, especially in the senior population. More than 40 percent of seniors do not have enough vitamin D in their systems.

Vitamin D was once believed

to only help strengthen bones and teeth. However, recent advances in science show that vitamin D plays an important role in the proper functioning of the body and can help prevent many diseases and conditions.

Vitamin D is found in small amounts of food, such as fatty fish and fortified dairy products, juices and cereals. However, 80 to 90 percent of vitamin D is obtained by exposure to sunlight.

Researchers have found several factors that put seniors at greater risk for vitamin D deficiency than other age groups. Seniors who are either unable or do not otherwise leave their homes do not receive the benefits of the sun's rays. Active seniors must bear in mind the changes in the skin

due to aging decrease the skin's ability to synthesize sunlight into vitamin D. Also, kidney function decreases with age, which inhibits the body's ability to properly process the vitamin.

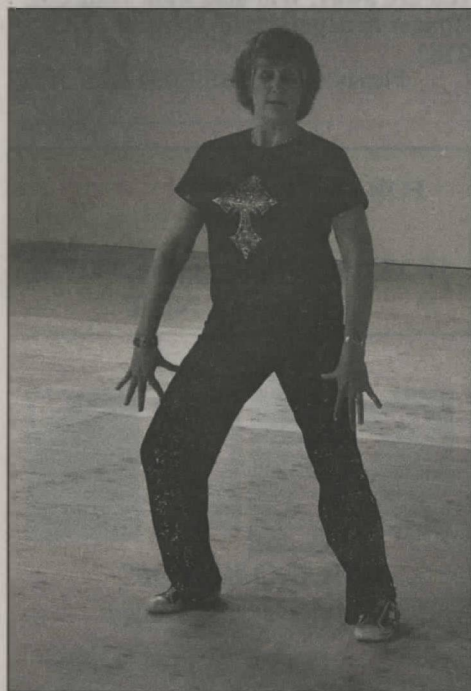
Studies have found that vitamin D deficiency may contribute to osteoporosis, muscle weakness, hip fractures, diabetes, cancer, heart disease, arthritis and poor general health. A New England Journal of Medicine study showed that it takes a daily dose of at least 800 international units (IU) of vitamin D to consistently prevent broken bones. This dosage reduced the risk of hip fractures by 30 percent.

The study also demonstrated that too much calcium, more than 1,000 mg per day, may dilute vitamin D's benefits to bones.

The following tips can help seniors increase vitamin D intake. A doctor should always be consulted before treatment is considered

- 10 minutes of uncovered sun exposure three times a week, without the use of sunscreen.
- Supplements, such as a multivitamin.
- Eating foods that are high in vitamin D, such as cod liver oil, salmon, mackerel, tuna, beef liver, cheese, egg yolks and milk.
- Eating foods fortified with vitamin D. These foods include milk, breakfast cereals and juice drinks.

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Sue-Ellen Colp teaches a free aerobics class every Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Annex.

Free aerobics class is every Thursday in the Annex

By Sue-Ellen Colp

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Don Treadwell took first place in the Open category for "Easter Bonnet" in the monthly Camera Club competition for April. The club meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the MPR, with judging on the first Wednesday. For a complete story on the club and everything it has to offer, see Page 19.

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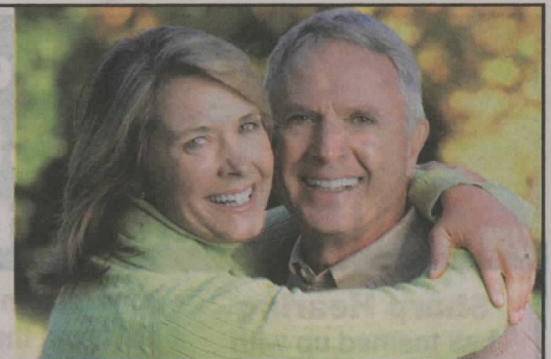
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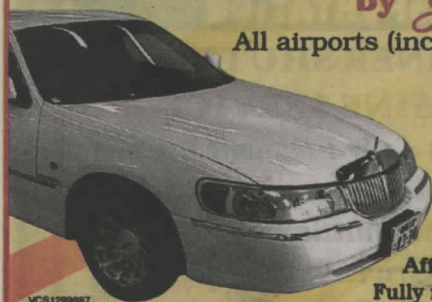
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