

INSIDE LEISURE VILLAGE



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Thanksgiving traditions continue in Village

Two traditional Thanksgiving activities at Leisure Village are planned for this month.

This year's Thanksgiving Day feast will be held on Thursday, Nov. 24, in the Assembly Room, and the 36th annual Thanksgiving Interfaith Gathering will be held on

Tuesday, Nov. 22, at 7 p.m. in the AR.

The feast will begin at noon and will feature the traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings, salad bar, drinks and dessert. As usual, dinners will be served family style, which means diners will be able to take home any

leftovers. Tables of 10 may be reserved if desired.

Tickets are \$20 each and will be on sale through Nov. 16 at the Recreation Office. Checks only, please. Seating is limited, so interested parties are urged to get their tickets early.

The Thanksgiving Interfaith

Gathering is on Tuesday night this year. Up until last year, the Interfaith Gathering had been on Wednesday. The committee and staff have permanently changed the event to the Tuesday before Thanksgiving as more Villagers are able to attend that day.

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3 residents return from Honor Flight

Our three Leisure Village residents have returned from the Honor Flight with lots of wonderful memories of their trip.

As you'll recall from the October edition, Virginia Sims, Josette Wingo and Kenney Nelson were on the flight, which was started by a group of businessmen and companies to honor our veterans of World War II.

The group flew to D.C. at no cost and toured the World War II memorial, the Korean War memorial and the Vietnam War memorial, as well as the Tomb of the Unknowns and the Women's Memorial in

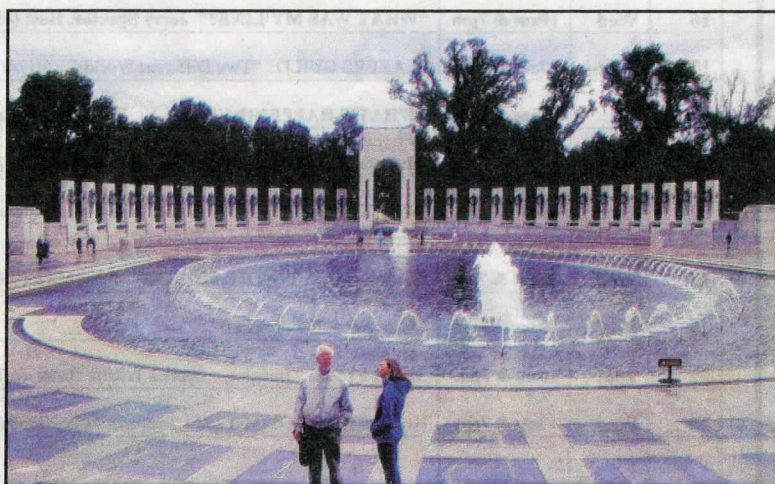


Photo by Kenney Nelson

The World War II memorial was a popular stop on the Washington, D.C., tour.

Arlington Cemetery.

Each veteran had a family member or caregiver accompanying them.

Kenney Nelson's description: "Following our arrival at Baltimore, we were

joined by 40 more veterans from California and were greeted by members of the Honor Society, then driven to the Hilton Hotel where we were served dinner and

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Generation Gap alive, well at LV

By Bob McQuivey

A term coined in the 1950s to describe the behavioral differences between the Greatest Generation — those born prior to or during the Great Depression — and the Baby Boomers — those born during or after World War II — is the Generation Gap.

Those older folks witnessed the demise of outhouses and subsequent advent of indoor plumbing and electricity, suffered financial hardships during the Great Depression, oftentimes struggled to meet basic needs for maintaining

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Readers felt strongly about the Opinion piece that ran on October's front page, and their responses begin on Page 3. You'll find it worthwhile to read these enlightening comments.

LVTV is looking for the Village's next big star. See Page 8.

Also on Page 8 is a sneak preview of Showtyme's Holiday Show. Tickets go on sale this month.

Ever tried steamed crabs? Susan Amerikaner introduces this delicacy to the Village. See Page 9.

The La Brea Tar Pits draw thousands of tourists every year in Los Angeles. Read all about them on Page 12.

And for a fun look at how "truly wasteful" the older generation was, check out Page 30.

Finally, the Leisure Village staff wishes you and yours a wonderful Thanksgiving. If you're traveling or even if you're just staying home and cooking, stay safe!

Festival of the Arts features talent from LV clubs

By Rita Linsey

Everyone is invited to the Festival of the Arts on Sunday, Nov. 6, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the AR.

Adding to the festivities this year are free wine tasting

and appetizers.

Clubs displaying their talents are Village Arts, Quilters, Needle Works, Wood Working, Origami, Lapidary, Stoners, Writer's Club, Camera Club, China Painting,

Ceramics Plus and Ceramic Mold.

In addition to the displays in the AR, the Stoners' Jewelry Club and the Ceramic Plus Club are selling their items in the Garden Room and Gazebo

Gardens.

Local artist Judy Klement will be doing portrait demonstrations.

For more information, contact Rita Linsey at 484-8653 or rdlinsey@gmail.com.

VILLAGE HAPPENINGS

Medicare talk set for Nov. 10

To help us better understand the upcoming 2012 changes to Medicare, the Education & Recreation Committee is pleased to welcome the well-known Senior Concerns advocate and columnist, Betty Berry.

Betty will speak Thursday, Nov. 10, at 9:30 a.m. in the MPR.

She will take questions at the end of her presentation, and if you bring your current prescription drug information, she will help you select and apply for a new plan if you wish to make a Part D change.

Also, this presentation is designed for first-time

or continuing Medicare participants.

Betty has been a Senior Concerns advocate since 1993. She is a state-registered HICAP counselor, a state-registered Long Term Care Insurance counselor and a state-registered community educator. She has served on and chaired the Advisory Council for the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging and is a member of the Financial Abuse Strategic Team (FAST) of Ventura County.

Betty writes the weekly "Senior Advocate" column in the Ventura County Star.

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1	Tues	10am & 3pm	"WHAT'S HAPPENING?" in LV: Cooking I - Chicken 3 Ways (20 min.)
2	Wed	10am & 7pm	What Was My Line? (45-50 min) (repeat)
3	Thurs	10am & 3pm	"WHAT'S HAPPENING?" in LV: Cooking II - "Eat Right or Be Eaten" (17 min)
4	Fri	10am & 3pm	"WHAT'S HAPPENING?" in LV: Needlework Club, Chess Club, SAS (29 min)
7	Mon	10am	LVA OPEN BOARD MEETING - AR - Live
8	Tues	10am & 7pm	LVA OPEN BOARD MEETING - Tape
9	Wed	10am & 7pm	LV MUSICIANS: "Great Pumpkin Festival Halloween Party" (10/26/10) (40 min)
10	Thurs	10am & 3pm	"WHAT WAS MY LINE?" Jerry Spector, Host (45-50 min.) (repeat)
11	Fri	10am & 7pm	LVA OPEN BOARD MEETING - Tape
14	Mon	10am & 7pm	VETERANS CLUB: "Patriots' Night" (6/23/11) (1 hr 15 min)
15	Tues	10am & 3pm	"WHAT'S HAPPENING?" in LV: Cooking III - "A Chicken in Every Pot" (18 min)
16	Wed	10am & 7pm	"WHAT WAS MY LINE?" Jerry Spector, Host (45-50 min.)
17	Thurs	10am & 3pm	PLAYERS GUILD: "Two Different Worlds" (5/17/07) (20 min)
18	Fri	10am & 3pm	"WHAT'S HAPPENING?" in LV: Welcome Comm., Bocce, NY Club, Billiards (37 min)
21	Mon	10am & 7pm	Educating Jill, Disaster Preparedness (repeat) (33 min)
22	Tues	10am & 3pm	"WHAT'S HAPPENING?" in LV: Arts Club, Building & Grounds, Men's Golf, Musicians Club (40 min)
23	Wed	10am & 7pm	"LVTV GOES TO THE MOVIES" John Mayer, Referee (40-45 min.)
28	Mon	10am & 7pm	Waste Not - 2004 (repeat)
29	Tues	10am & 3pm	SHOWTYME: "Imagine - Beatles Tribute Band" (6/14/09) (1hr 53 min)
30	Wed	10am & 7pm	HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: Milt Mankoff - 2008 (33 min)

DAILY AUDIO MESSAGE BOARD: 6am, 9am, noon, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm - Voice Over, Debra Guill

THE OLD-TIME RADIO AUDIO PROGRAM:
Thurs. 7pm, featuring Jack Benny, Bob Hope, Burns and Allen, etc.

Committee Chair
Board Liaison
Program suggestions; Volunteers for book reviews

Rita Linsey - 484-8653
John Mayer - 388-4642
Judy Siegel - 384-9620

Message Board; Filming events
Volunteers for stage lighting & sound
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Schedule on Website: <http://www.leisurevillage.org>

Mark Smith - 388-1243
Bill Foeller - 384-4447
Jerry Spector - 384-9039
Larry Forkner - 484-2095

December deadlines

Deadline for letters, club news, stories, photos and classified ads for the December 2011 issue is Wednesday, November 16, at 5 p.m. The Display Advertising deadline will be Friday, November 18, at 5 p.m. Publication is scheduled for Friday, December 2. Please e-mail stories and photos to editorily@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.

Readers respond to opinion piece, board's actions

By Ted Lansing, V. 3

Some recent spoken and printed opinions, are just that, and are not based on true facts. The facts are these:

The United States Constitution protects against infringement of rights by GOVERNMENT. It does not extend to private property or enterprises. The California Constitution is likewise limited. Leisure Village Association may limit things here that are considered free speech outside. fact!

Claims of "sexual harassment" or "hostile work environment" are serious. Statutes protect the COMPLAINANT. Attorneys eagerly sue under these statutes, because of usually large settlements. Attorneys warn of this and usually, the complainant prevails. Fact!

The Americans with Disabilities Act requires "reasonable accommodation" for handicapped persons. Compromises with Common Interest Communities have been made. One occurred in California

with a community having a golf course. Since persons not members of the community — guests, etc. — were allowed to play, the community was therefore operating a "public facility" under the law and was required to provide "accommodation" to handicapped persons. That was enforced, even though the rest of the facility remained "private." Fact!

Directors are unpaid volunteers, protected by statute to some degree, from suit due to mistakes made in good faith. This protection is in the "Good Business Judgment Rule," found in the Corporations Code. It states that such persons cannot be held liable for errors in performance if they have acted in good faith and considered recommendations from experts in the field. Such volunteers, often not experienced managers, make mistakes. LVA carries "Directors and Officers" insurance policies that insure directors against losses due to errors or omissions. There is, however, a catch. If outside

expertise has been obtained, and the Board chooses to ignore it, there is no coverage. The directors are at personal risk. Fact!

An employee complaint of sexual harassment or hostile workplace requires the management, by law, to remove the cause. Failing to do so is a violation of law, and supervisors are PERSONALLY liable for any awards. The employer is prohibited by law from covering those expenses. Fact!

The complaint puts the manager and the corporation at risk of suit. The protections provided by statute and insurance are limited. Those who decry the loss of their rights in this case demand that the General Manager and Board of Directors protection of the Association from liability be reversed, placing the General Manager and the Board members at personal risk! Fact!

As an LVA Board Member for four years, I would never bend to the

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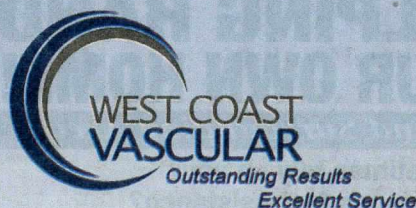
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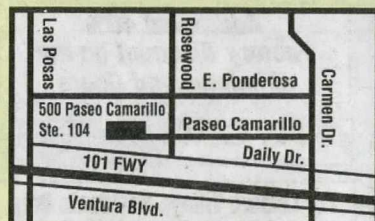
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Pleasant Valley Garden Club meets

The Pleasant Valley Garden Club meets at 10 a.m. Nov. 17 at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 3975 Las Posas Road, Camarillo.

A Thanksgiving floral demonstration will be presented by Pat Harris, a member of the Pleasant Valley Garden Club, a Master Gardener and a floral design expert. The meeting is free and the public is welcome. For more information, call Sandy at 484-5484.

I want to publicly thank all of my Leisure Village friends and neighbors for all of the calls and cards I have received since the passing of my beloved daughter, Dennette. Words cannot convey my feeling of gratitude for all of the love you have shown me. You are truly my loving "family." Thank you.

— Sharon Hahn, V. 41

The family of Lois Szczepaniak, Village 25, would like to give a heartfelt thank you to all of you who sent cards, called and stopped by because of your concern for our mother, Lois, during her sudden, recent illness.

She was blessed to have crossed paths with such wonderful people during her "golden years." She will be missed, but her spirit lives on in our hearts and memories.

— Mark, Sandie and Taylor Szczepaniak

We would like to thank all of you who donated to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event on Oct. 15 and 16 at Camarillo High School.

We have participated in this event for nine years, and we hope to continue as long as possible.

Thank you to all who walked the track for our team, "Leisure Village Friends and Family for a Cure." Because of your donations, the relay made \$175,000.

— Bill & Sandy Foeller, V. 9

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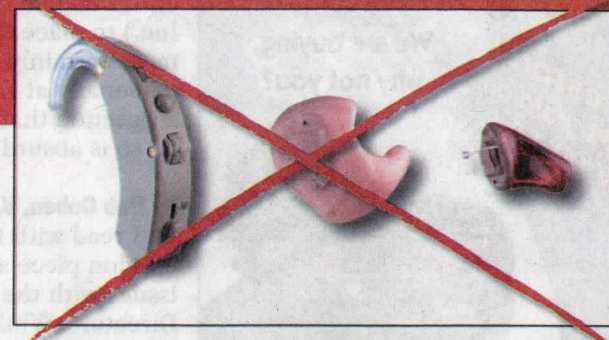
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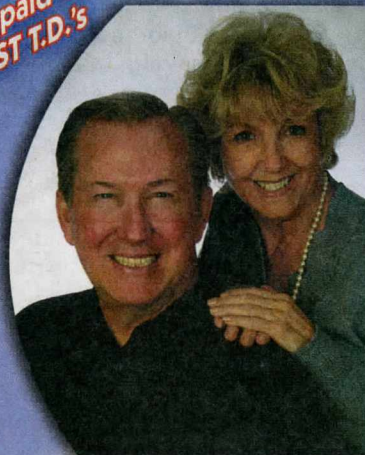
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opinions of my constituents (the entire membership of Leisure Village, Inc.) to place the Association at risk. I most certainly would not place myself personally at risk in the process. The suggestion that it would be my duty to do so is absurd, and that is a fact!

By Bob Cohen, V. 42

I read with interest your recent opinion piece about transparency issues with the current Board of Directors. While I am in favor of transparency in all levels of government (including our BOD), and at the risk of continuing the controversy, I feel compelled to take issue with two of your comments/conclusions.

First of all, I am not an attorney, but over 20 years in corporate management and numerous hours of lectures by our attorneys on two of the subjects of the article convinces me that you are off base in your comments about the artwork removal and the golf cart issue.

Although it is true that the library

is a facility intended for use by the residents, it also forms a part of the workplace for our employees. Like it or not (and frankly I do NOT like it), federal law protects workers from a hostile work environment and what could be considered sexual harassment — and the interpretation of the law pretty much says that sexual harassment and hostile work environments are pretty much in the eye of the beholder. Once the complaint is filed, it must be dealt with rapidly or you are subject to lawsuit and federal government investigation.

Further, the law states that once an individual is sued, the company may not provide legal assistance! In other words, if the General Manager had not acted and a suit was filed, he would be on the hook for the cost of an attorney which, needless to say, would not be insignificant. Given that, what choice did he have? Any recourse to First Amendment rights have long since been discharged by the courts.

As for the golf cart issue, the ADA

requires reasonable accommodation for handicapped people. If the Board tries the use of golf carts on a limited basis and then decides that the trial did more harm than good, there would be a valid argument that we tried "reasonable accommodation" and found that it didn't work. Does this mean that the Board can ignore written rules? Yes it does, if it means that we comply with federal law. Surely we can all agree that federal law trumps our CC&Rs and other local rules.

Finally, much of this controversy could have been avoided if there was clearer communications all around.

By Martin S. Wiener, Esq., V. 9

I am a new resident of Leisure Village (four months) and in reading your October column, one part of it struck me. I have not been here long enough to pass judgment on the Board of Directors. As an attorney, the part that caught my attention was the Board hiding behind the veil of "client privilege."

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The question to ask is, "Who is the client?" Certainly the board hired the attorney. However, in doing so, the board was acting on behalf of the membership, thereby making the members the real clients. As a result, it can be argued that if we are the clients, then the attorney-client privilege exists between the attorney,

the board and the membership. Under this argument, the board has no right to claim the privilege against the membership.

That said, the board is empowered to make decisions on behalf of the membership, and when they do, we must accept those decisions until we can express our unhappiness with their decisions and actions under the Leisure Village rules and regulations.

Free Veterans Day concert Nov. 6

The Ventura County Concert Band pays tribute to the defenders of our flag in a special free Veterans Day concert Nov. 6 at 3 p.m. on the Ventura High School auditorium stage.

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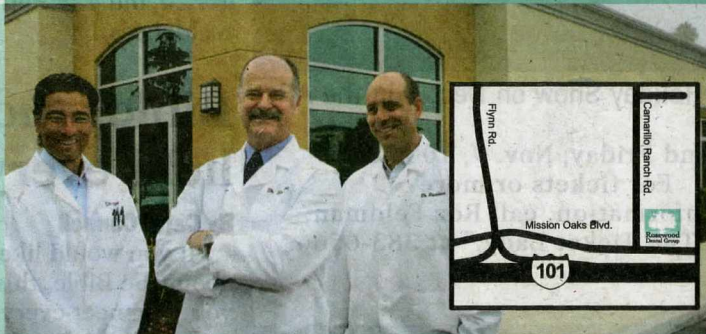
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What's your interest? LVTV looking for the next celebrity

By Marlene Daly

Do you love to read? Do you enjoy watching TV? Most of us do both at Leisure Village.

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person with organizational skills, we would enjoy meeting and talking with you.

A brand new program is in the early development stage. "The Book Club Review" will be a "Siskel and Ebert" type interview format. Remember them? Have you thought you could be an on-camera personality? Are you confident and

outspoken? Are you an avid reader? You might be just the talent we're seeking.

Or are you a quiz or game show devotee? Do you have any innovative ideas that could become Leisure Village's own quiz or game show? Maybe a show based on a successful format? How about "Village Feud?"

You are invited to attend our LVTV

Committee meetings at 9:30 a.m. on the third Thursday of the month in the MPR. Meanwhile, relax and enjoy our diverse programs tailored to Leisure Village on your own TV at home, in comfort.

Contact Rita Linsey 484-8653 or rdlinsy@gmail.com and tell us how you'd like to be involved.

Nick Palance will perform at Showtyme's Holiday Show

Showtyme's Holiday Show on Friday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. in the AR will feature "Nick Palance in Concert."

Critics have called Nick "The American Andrea Bocelli" singing a romantic international style of music from Josh Groban to Michael Buble with a repertoire ranging from traditional opera, Broadway, standards, Latin music and rock. His concerts are sophisticated and uplifting to witness. Nick sings accompanied by Lindsey Scott.

Some notable performances include recent concerts at the Versace Mansion in Miami, at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas and at the City of Hope Annual Gala event. We will have a special holiday dessert buffet following the show.

Don't miss this evening of



Nick Palance will headline Showtyme's Holiday Show on Dec. 9 in the AR.

fabulous entertainment.

Tickets will cost members \$10 and guests \$13. Tickets will be on sale in the Lanai Room from 9 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Thursday

and Friday, Nov. 9, 10 and 11.

For tickets or more information, call Roz Feldman, "The Ticket Lady," at 383-6566.

LOOKING BACK

By Marilyn Holthouse
Village Historian

• **November 1981, 30 years ago:** Plans were made to set up a Disaster Emergency Organization in January by the Safety and Security Committee. "Design for Murder" was presented by the Village Players (later merged with Variety Guild to form Players Guild.)

• **November 1986, 25 years ago:** George Thomas was named the new Recreation Center Manager. Village Players presented "Silver Whistle."

• **November 1991, 20 years ago:** The Recreation Center pool was drained and new tile added. "Rumors" was the November play presented by Players Guild.

• **November 1996, 15 years ago:** A self-awareness group was approved.

Did you know the largest villages are 20 and 42? Both have 116 residences.

Bible study classes held every Tuesday

By Carol Cannell

If you would like to learn more about the Bible, this is the group for you. We meet every Tuesday morning at Emeritus, the retirement facility just outside the main gate. We start at 10 a.m. with singing old hymns, and then one of four local pastors brings the Bible lesson. There is some interaction, however, you do not have to have any previous knowledge. This is strictly Bible education. We have women from all faiths in attendance. We end at 11:15 a.m.

Come a little early and be greeted at the entrance by Carol. Call her at 987-7570 for more information.

THEATER BEAT

Camarillo Community Theatre: "Fame," through Nov. 20. 330 Skyway Dr. Camarillo, 388-5716.

Conejo Players Theatre: "Gypsy," Nov. 11 through Dec. 10. 351 S. Moorpark Road, Thousand Oaks, 495-3715.

High Street Arts Center: "Little Shop of Horrors," through Nov. 13. 45 E. High St., Moorpark, 529-8700

Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center: "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang," Nov. 13 through Dec. 23. 3050 E. Los Angeles Ave., Simi Valley, 583-7900.

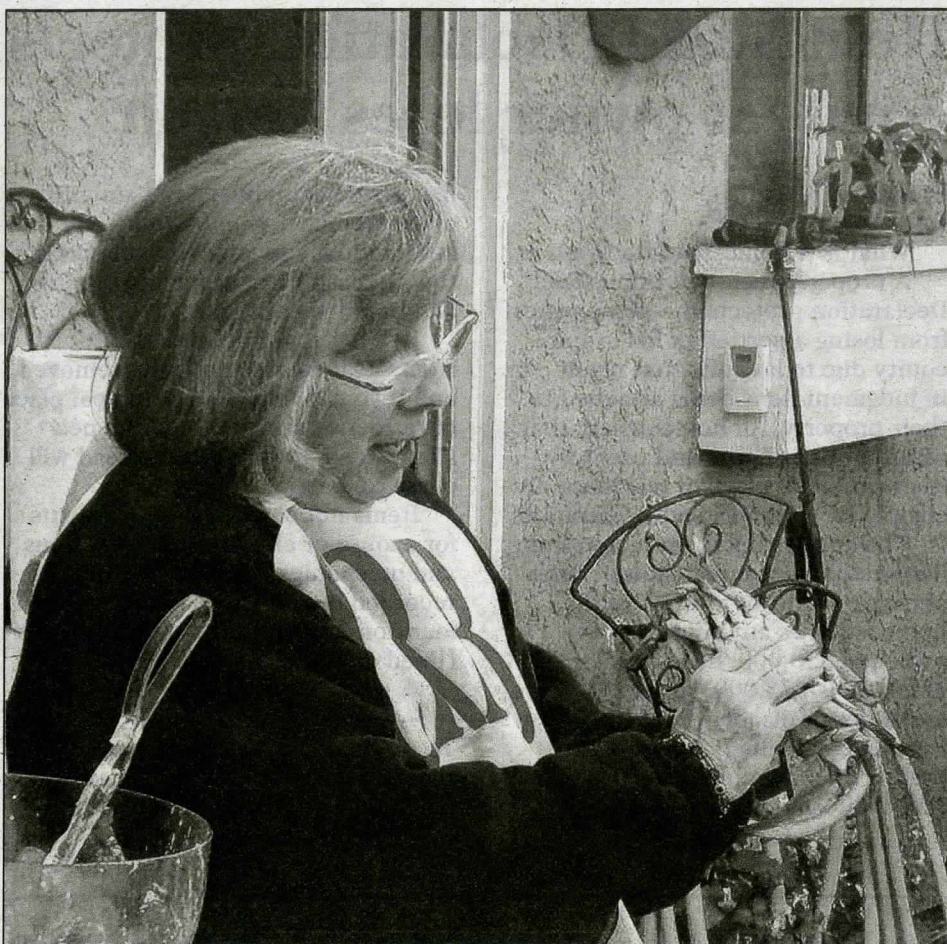
Elite Theatre Company: "Life Support," Nov. 11 through Dec. 18. 730 S. "B" St., Oxnard, 483-5118.

Ojai Art Center Theater: "It's a Wonderful Life," Nov. 18 through Dec. 17. 113 S. Montgomery St. Ojai, 640-

8797.

Rubicon Theater: "The Mystery of Irma Vep," through Nov. 6. 1006 E. Main St., Ventura, 667-2900.

Santa Paula Theater Center: "Arsenic and Old Lace," Nov. 18 through Dec. 18. 125 S. 7th St., Santa Paula, 525-4645.



Steamed crabs win over even the toughest Western eaters

By Susan Amerikaner

I grew up in Baltimore, where eating steamed crabs is a summer ritual. There is nothing like the sweet, moist meat of a blue crab.

This year I ordered steamed crabs from Harbour House Crabs in Maryland. They can be reached at www.ilovecrabs.com or by calling 888-458-8272.

We invited a few guests who had never had the "crab experience."

The crabs came by Fed Ex already

steamed, but on ice. I kept them in the fridge overnight.

Package directions tell you to resteam them in water, but I have a better way! Put three to five crabs inside a closed paper bag and reheat on high in the microwave for 2 to 3 minutes or until hot.

If you don't like eating with your hands, order the crab cakes. We already put in our order for crab cakes and steamed crabs for our day-after-Thanksgiving dinner!



Photos by Erik Amerikaner

Clockwise from top left: Susan Amerikaner goes face-to-face with her meal. Skeptics get ready to dig in. Mike Amerikaner serves a delicious bounty from the sea at a West Coast version of a typical East Coast crab feast.



A DAY BRIGHTENER

This student is on the cutting edge of immigration reform

In a university classroom, they were discussing qualifications to be President of the United States. It was pretty simple. The candidate must be a natural born citizen of at least 35

years of age.

However, one girl in the class immediately started in on how unfair the requirement was to be a natural born citizen. In short, her opinion

was that this requirement prevented many capable individuals from becoming president.

The class was taking it in and letting her rant, and not many jaws

hit the floor until she wrapped up her argument by stating, "What makes a natural born citizen any more qualified to lead this country than one born by C-section?"

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Homestead Declaration protects equity if owner loses lawsuit

**By Sharron Parker
Troop Real Estate, Inc.**

What is a Homestead Declaration?

A properly recorded Homestead Declaration protects the homeowner from losing a portion of his or her equity due to lawsuits that result in judgment liens being attached to their property. All homeowners that reside in their home and use it as their principal place of residence are eligible for a Homestead Declaration.

The equity that is protected from lien attachment is as follows: Each person owning an interest in the home, such as an unmarried co-owner, is \$50,000; head or member of family is \$75,000; single (65 years and older or disabled) is \$100,000; husband and wife (when one or both is 65 or disabled) is \$100,000. The California State Legislature

has periodically raised the amount of entitlement. Homeowners will automatically receive the amount of the increase without having to refile additional paperwork.

If you sell your home, the Homestead is automatically removed, and if you change your principal place of residence and you record a new Homestead, the first Homestead will cease to exist.

Items not covered are judgments for spouse or child support, tax liens and mechanics liens, judgments recorded before your Homestead and loans or debts secured by the property (Deed of Trust).

— Sharron Parker is a Realtor with Troop Real Estate, Inc. She can be reached at (805)443-1998 or via e-mail at sharronbparker@aol.com.



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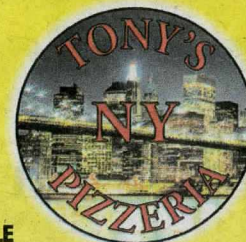
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Better Breathing class returns in January after taking a breather

By Lorraine Comer

The response to the Inside Leisure Village articles and LTV has been rewarding, so it looks like we will start a new Better Breathing class in January. At this time, it looks like the class will be held in the Village Room on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 1 p.m.

We will start with a review of the respiratory system and how to get the

best results doing the things we like to do. As always, we will learn how to make our daily life easier. Bring all your questions, and I will try to answer them. I will try to keep the class to one hour so that I have time to meet with anyone needing special attention.

Thanks, and see you soon.

Shop Ahoy gets groceries to homebound

By Barbara Yago

Do you find it difficult to leave home to shop for groceries due to physical limitations? If so, Shop Ahoy is for you.

Shop Ahoy is a non-profit, volunteer-based grocery shopping delivery service for homebound adults. A volunteer will call the

customer on Sunday or Monday of each week to take their grocery order. Another volunteer shops on Tuesdays at our local Vons, and the order is delivered and paid for, along with a small contribution to help the system stay in operation.

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The Wry Eye

By Joseph Benti

Moving from the Valley to Camarillo,
We expected healthful and fresh air.

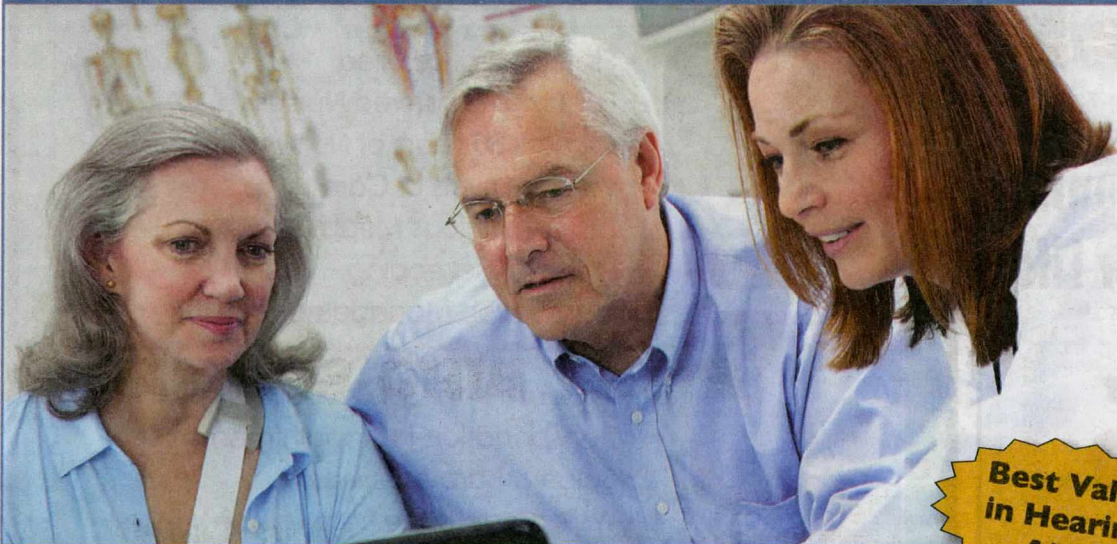
Lying between ocean and mountains,
Surely this place had it to spare.

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STROLLING

La Brea Tar Pits center of Los Angeles history

By Lois Keeler

Here we go again!

This is a piece I wrote several years ago, but I thought the new and some old members of our Village might enjoy it again.

Today we take a stroll around the La Brea Tar Pits and see what we can find.

First I will attempt a brief history of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County. Originally the tar pits were located about seven miles west of Los Angeles. They are still in the same place, but urban sprawl has put them smack in the middle of downtown Los Angeles.

The tar pits were originally described as "The Salt Creek Oilfields." They contain one of the richest, best preserved and most studied assemblages of Pleistocene vertebrates. They include at least 59 species of mammals and more than 135 species of birds. In addition to the vertebrates, they include many

species of plants, mollusks and many, many types of insects — over 660 species in all.

Tar pits form when crude oil seeps to the surface through fissures in the earth's crust. The oil evaporates, leaving heavy tar or asphalt in sticky pools.

Tar from the pits was used by early native Americans as a glue and waterproof caulking for baskets and canoes. Later the tar was mined by Westerners and used for roofing. Scientists have been extremely successful in their excavation of the pits, and today the George C. Page Museum of La Brea is right next door, where a huge number of fossils are displayed. The Page Museum is part of the National Museum of Los Angeles County and is well worth visiting.

The history of Los Angeles began some 10,000 to 20,000 years before the first Europeans arrived. Hunters and gatherers of many Aztec and Indian tribes populated the area.

Around 1769 the first Mexican and Spanish settlers began to arrive. Among the most notable were Gaspar de Portola and Junipero Serra. Commanding the soldiers was the Mexican Rivera y Moncada. In addition, there were 80 indigenous people from Baja, California, 25 Catalan soldiers, a group of Franciscan missionaries and a dozen artisans. A permanent colonial settlement was established on September 4, 1781, as El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de los Angeles di Porciuncula. It was named in honor of the shrine to the Virgin Mary, Santa Maria degli Angeli, Our Lady of the Angels in Assisi, Italy.

The construction of a Presidio and town was the project of Governor Felipe de Neve, mandated by King Charles III of Spain. The city was built on the Rio de Porciuncula, the broad river running through the valley, now known as the Los Angeles

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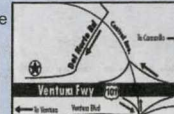
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good health, and used government-issued rationing coupons to purchase gasoline, sugar and other necessary items during World War II.

In comparison, the privileged offspring of these pioneers had their own bedroom, drove cars or rode the bus to high school, participated in the sexual revolution and largely lived on credit rather than saving money upfront for nonessential material items.

Back in the day, my grandfather never heard of sick leave or paid vacations, and if you didn't work you didn't get paid, whereas I expected both as a matter of course.

These lifestyle characteristics and behavioral differences continue to be overtly obvious in Leisure Village, and in a few cases present minor conflicts that need to be addressed from time to time.

A phrase often heard from older residents, for example — a group that for good reason is slow to accept

change — represents a largely unified perspective that the current rules and regulations have worked well for 35 years, and the community at large therefore need not amend the statutes.

The younger folks, on the other hand, oftentimes lack patience, and are much more impulsive by demanding change to meet their individual desires, hence the occasional reference by some to the Baby Boomers as the Me Generation.

One only needs to attend any one of a number of committee meetings to witness these differences in perspective between the comparatively old and older seniors.

Fortunately for our community, from strictly a financial perspective — particularly in view of the recent financial meltdown related to the housing market — a significant percentage of the homeowners and residents in Leisure Village are comprised of the Greatest Generation, average age of about 76 years, most of whom are not only extremely conservative in their spending habits, but also own their homes outright.

While many other neighboring homeowner associations are struggling with revenues needed for basic maintenance, our community remains comparatively solvent due in part to this important factor. Our reserves are in good shape at the present time largely because members of the Greatest Generation demanded in past years that we have money in the bank, rather than borrowing against the future, and to those gray-haired members we owe our thanks for having the foresight to keep our community out of debt.

As a side note, the quickest and easiest way to spot an authentic member of the Greatest Generation is at the grocery store, where the "little old lady in tennis shoes" stands in the checkout line with a handful of coupons, and carefully watches the cashier to insure that not a penny more than the advertised sale price is charged for any single item, and if that citizen is about 92, 5 feet tall and wearing glasses, she could be my mom, or perhaps even one of our other neighbors from here in the Village.

TRIP

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prepared for our next day's journey.

"The following day we were taken to Washington, D.C., where we saw large groups of veterans from every state. It was on to the World War II Memorial, and after lunch we visited the Korean, Vietnam and Naval memorials. The day included a tour of Washington, D.C., and viewing the changing of the guard at Arlington National Cemetery. That was followed by a trip to the Iwo Jima statue and the Air Force and Women's monuments, which were especially meaningful for Ginny and Josette, both World War II WAVEs. There is an Honor Flight every three weeks to D.C."

As Virginia recalled, "What a treat to see these seniors being honored in such a way. You could see the pride in their faces and the gratitude that they were being remembered in such a way."

"For those veterans that may have brought a son or daughter as a guardian, I think it was a wonderful experience to share together in the twilight of their lives."

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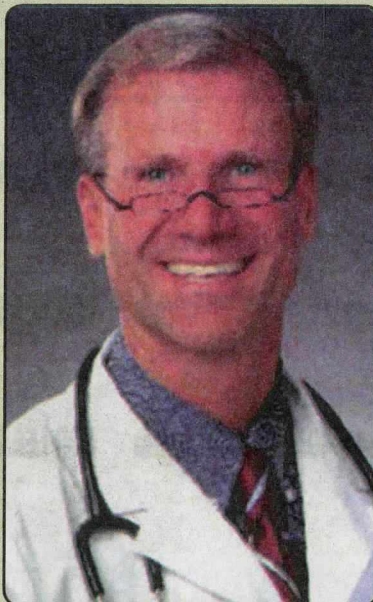
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Continuing the custom of rotation of sponsorship, the program this year is featuring Deacon Bob Fargo of Padre Serra Parish as the main speaker. Pastor Jim Johnson of Good Shepherd Lutheran church will offer the Invocation and Rabbi Mike Lotker of Temple Ner Ami will close with the Benediction. We'll hear from Max Heller and Linda Morriset, who will provide special readings.

We're thrilled to have the Scouts provide our flag ceremony. They did such an inspirational ceremony in the past. It's wonderful to see young people honoring our flag and our

country.

And, yes, we'll be singing patriotic songs, and there will be a special vocal presentation by Villagers Ann Steigerwald and Helen Newton, accompanied by Irene Olson on the piano.

We have a full committee this year planning to make this a warm, inviting evening. Floral arrangements and fall decorations will adorn the AR. Finger foods, baked goods, punch and coffee will follow the gathering. If you are a baker and would like to provide home-baked cookies or other small baked items, call Carol Cannell at 987-7570.

Let's make this a Village Thanksgiving to remember.

Conejo Valley Organic Garden Club meets

The Conejo Valley Organic Garden Club meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 14, at the Newbury Park Library, 2331 Borchard Road, Newbury Park.

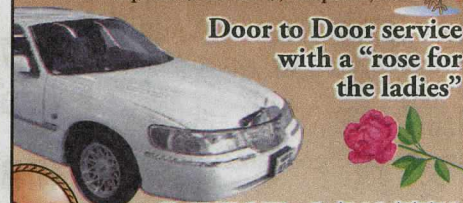
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CLUB NEWS

Showtyme

By Phil Kamens

Showtyme on Friday, Nov. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the AR will be "It Takes Two," starring Ross Kramer and Kendra Munger, singers, with Bob Ralston at the piano.

Ross, in addition to singing concerts, is an accomplished actor and director. He has appeared in 30 stage plays, comedy, drama and musicals, as well as many award-winning films.

Kendra Munger, off Broadway, originated the role of Diana in "Queen of Hearts." She also played Eliza in "My Fair Lady" and Marian in "The Music Man."

Bob Ralston, pianist best known for his 47 years of weekly performances on "The Lawrence Welk Show," was also pianist to vocalists Nat King Cole, Eddie Fisher, Andy Williams and Bob Hope.

Individually they are all stars. Together the three of them are

fantastic.

Showtyme's Holiday Show will be on Friday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. in the AR. It will feature "Nick Palance in Concert" and comedian Jamie Alcroft. A Special Holiday Dessert Buffet will follow the show.

Save the date and don't miss this evening of fabulous entertainment and holiday cheer. Tickets will be on sale in early November. Call Roz Feldman, "The Ticket Lady," at 383-6566 for more information.

Starting Friday, Nov. 11, we will be signing up members for 2012. Please plan on signing up at the November meeting to avoid long lines in January. Membership is still only \$7 for the year 2012.

For information, call Phil Kamens at 388-9857.

LV Musicians

By Anne Wolfson

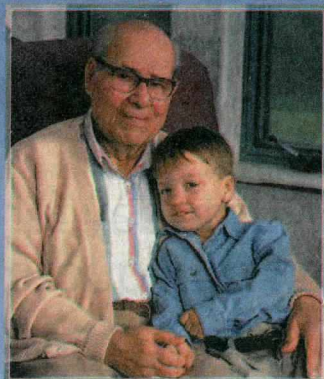
The LV Musicians, a group of

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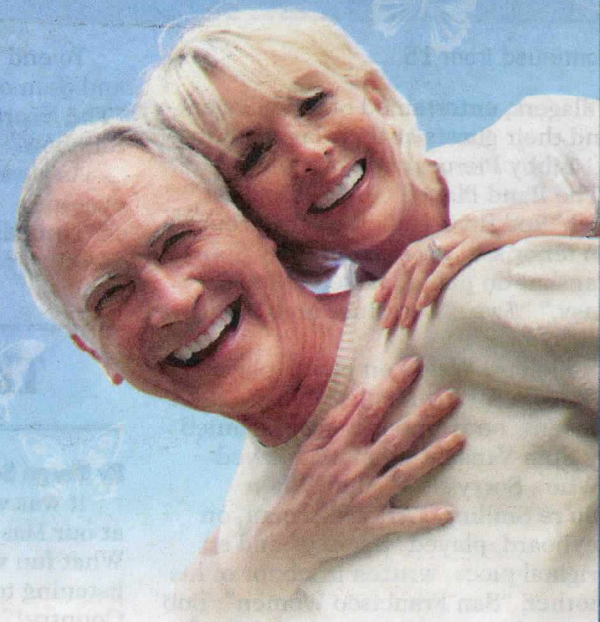
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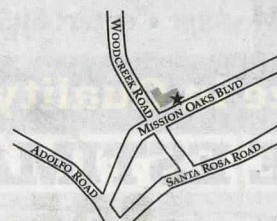
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Villagers, entertained other Villagers and their guests at their last meeting.

Libby Pierce, on piano, played "The Band Played On," "Memories" and "Red River Valley"; Sam Arousty, on tenor sax, accompanied by Stan Vansant on piano, played "Nice & Easy," "Sweet Lorraine" and "That's All."

Richard Weiss, on piano, played a Rogers & Hart medley; Don Stevens, on trombone, accompanied by Stan Vansant on piano, played "Who's Sorry Now" and "When You're Smiling"; Art Akkerman, on keyboard, played "Spooky" and an original piece, written in honor of his mother, "San Francisco Women"; Bob Alexander, on trumpet, played "Us" and "Love Is Easy"; Dick Guttman, on organ, accompanied by Stan Vansant on piano, played "Witchcraft," "Black Magic" and "I Don't Stand A Ghost Of A Chance With You" in honor of Halloween; Stan Vansant, on flute, accompanied by his electronic device, played a medley of Halloween songs.

To end the evening, Dick on organ and Stan on piano played "Polkas," "The Nearness Of You" and "Over The Rainbow."

As always, it was a very enjoyable evening.

Thursday, Nov. 10, will be our next meeting, so, put it on your calendar now.

The Mavericks

By Margo Secia

It was wonderful seeing everyone at our Masquerade Dance in October. What fun we had dancing and listening to the music of DJ "Jam'n Country!" A big round of applause to all of you in your great costumes and congratulations to the winners.

We are still selling shirts with our new Mavericks logo. The T-shirts are \$15 and the polo shirts are \$20 and are each available in navy, black, gray and white in sizes medium through XX-large. You may obtain your shirt by either e-mailing Jeanne White at

jddimaster@aol.com or calling Sharon Loney at 987-8292.

Due to the holidays in November and December, the Mavericks will be dark both of those months. There will be no fourth Friday of the month functions.

Please mark your calendar for our annual "Winter Ball" being held on Friday, Jan. 27. All the details for our dinner dance will be in the December ILV issue.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact President Sharon Loney at 987-8292.

Single Active Seniors

By Zelda Greentree

Come join us on Tuesday, Nov. 8, when we will present Lynne Aune, a Leisure Village resident, who has master's degrees in both education and psychology and will speak to us on "Compassionate Communication." The meeting will take place in the MPR at 7 p.m.

Then the following week, on Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. in the Annex, our movie will be "Chicago", a crime, gangster, drama, comedy, musical, performing arts movie. The stars are Renee Zellweger, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Richard Gere, Queen Latifah and John C. Reilly.

After more than 14 years, the Board of Directors of Single Active Seniors has regretfully voted to discontinue SAS. However, don't panic. We are not going out like a lamb. We will go out like a roaring lion. Come help us celebrate our last hurrah at our annual Holiday Party. It's a gift exchange and fun food party that everyone always looks forward to. Just bring a wrapped gift valued at about \$10 and an hors d'oeuvre or dessert dish for six to eight people. Remember, it's both the gift and the food. We'll gather in the MPR on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 5:30 p.m. for a great event. Reservations for the party are an absolute must. Call Zelda at 389-9694 for your reservation.

Don't forget to come to the Nov.

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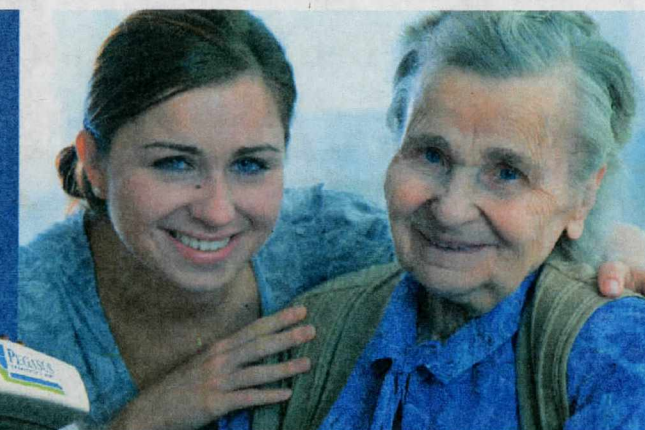
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8 meeting and Nov. 15 movie. See you all there.

The Booster Club

By Lin Grant

The Booster Club is hosting its Second Annual USO Canteen on Thursday, Nov. 10, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the AR. Light refreshments will be served. This year we will be entertained by Los Angeles vocalist Geoffrey Leigh Tozer. The event is free and tickets are limited to two per household. Please call Marilyn Riveles if you have not yet obtained yours. Come help celebrate our Leisure Village Veterans.

The club voted to donate \$1,000 to LVTV for new equipment. The donation form will be submitted for approval at the next LV Board meeting.

It was very disappointing that no one volunteered to be on next year's

Board of Directors. With general membership lagging, the club may be forced to disband, a huge loss for our community. The Booster Club meets the third Monday of every month in the MPR at 7 p.m.; the November meeting is on Nov. 21. We need your support and ideas. Please join us and bring a friend.

Friday Night Country Western Dance Club

By Sue-Ellen Colp

A special thank you to Jim Potter for teaching "Something in the Water." I was going to teach but decided to stay in the middle of the floor to help people learn the dance, which worked out well.

Sue-Ellen taught "The Monster Mash," which was an easy and fun dance.

The next dance will be Nov. 4 from 7:30 to 10:30 in the AR. Dance lessons begins at 8:15. Espie will be

teaching a dance called "Just Wanna be your Man."

I want to thank everyone who brings snacks to share. The dances are growing and we continue to have fun. See you at the next dance. Bring a snack to share, and punch, coffee and water will be provided. Cost for the dance is \$5. See you there.

LV Bowling

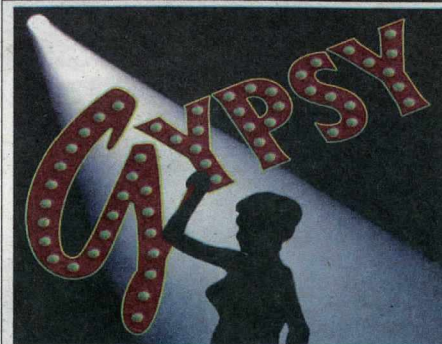
By Marty Simons

Things cooled off a bit in Week 2 as the only 200 game was a 208 by Alan Singer. Side Pot winners were Alan Singer, Ted Ryan and Bob McQuivey for the men, and Billie Stimac, Ellen Neally and Linda Fisher (new bowler) for the ladies.

The action picked up in Week 3 with a 221 by Art Titen, a 214 by Dennis Durand, a 212 by Vivian Hurst and a 209 by Leonard Belcher. Side Pot winners were Leonard Belcher,

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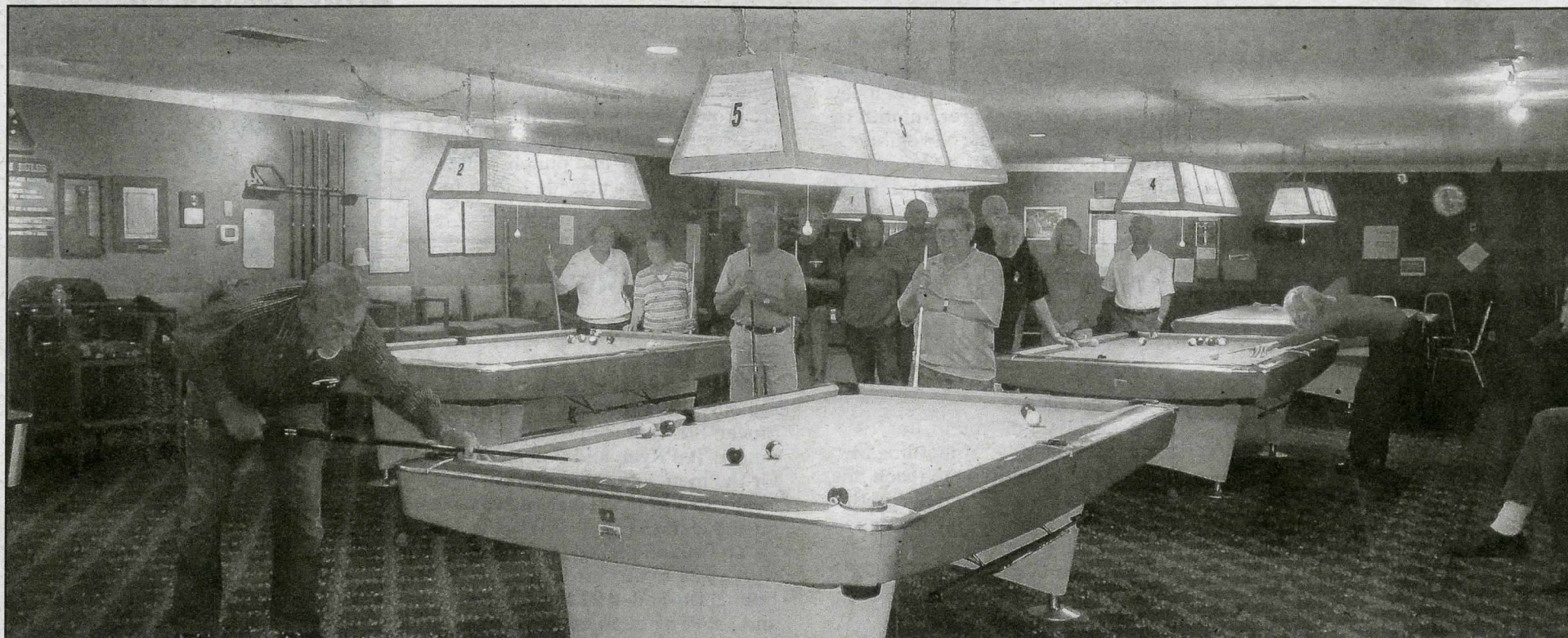


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Longtime Billiards Club member and current club president Bob Foeller takes aim as other club members watch during a recent Billiards Club meeting.

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Village's Billiard Room no hall from 'Hustler'

By Bob McQuivey

When most people visualize a pool hall they think of names like Minnesota Fats and Fast Eddy Felton, where hustlers and wannabes ply their trade in a smoke-filled environment, while onlookers spit tobacco juice on the sawdust floor and drink straight shooters of whisky backed by beer.

In places where women were occasionally allowed in such

establishments, they were long-legged beauties exhibiting ample cleavage and used only to serve the needs of men in the once-male dominated environment.

Although the description may have been accurate in the past (so I've been told), nothing could be further from the truth when peeking through the windows of the Leisure Village Billiard Room, where smoking and drinking are prohibited, and women often outnumber the men, both in numbers and skill.

Truth be known, and based on figures provided by Vice President Kathy Wirtz, of the 133 current members of the club, some 66 — or approximately 50 percent are women — and three of the five officers in the club are also of the fairer sex.

Historic records provided by Marilyn Holthouse, Village historian, suggest that a competitive pool league was first started in our community in 1977 (Leisure Village was started in 1973) with each village sporting a team, and the best players from each also competed against other teams

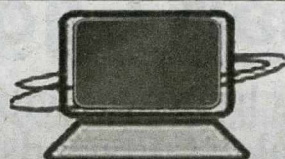
outside the community.

The more modern Billiard Club as we know it today, however, was initiated in 1980, with many of the furnishings being provided by club members, including several of the tables. Ernie Ohmstedt helped build the hanging light fixtures fastened above each table, and most of the other accessories were donated by various members over time, not to mention that the Village patio was paid for and built via donations and volunteer labor (other clubs and groups also provided support) under the guidance of Bill Foeller, current club president.

The club also provides valuable social interaction on a daily basis, with free lessons provided.

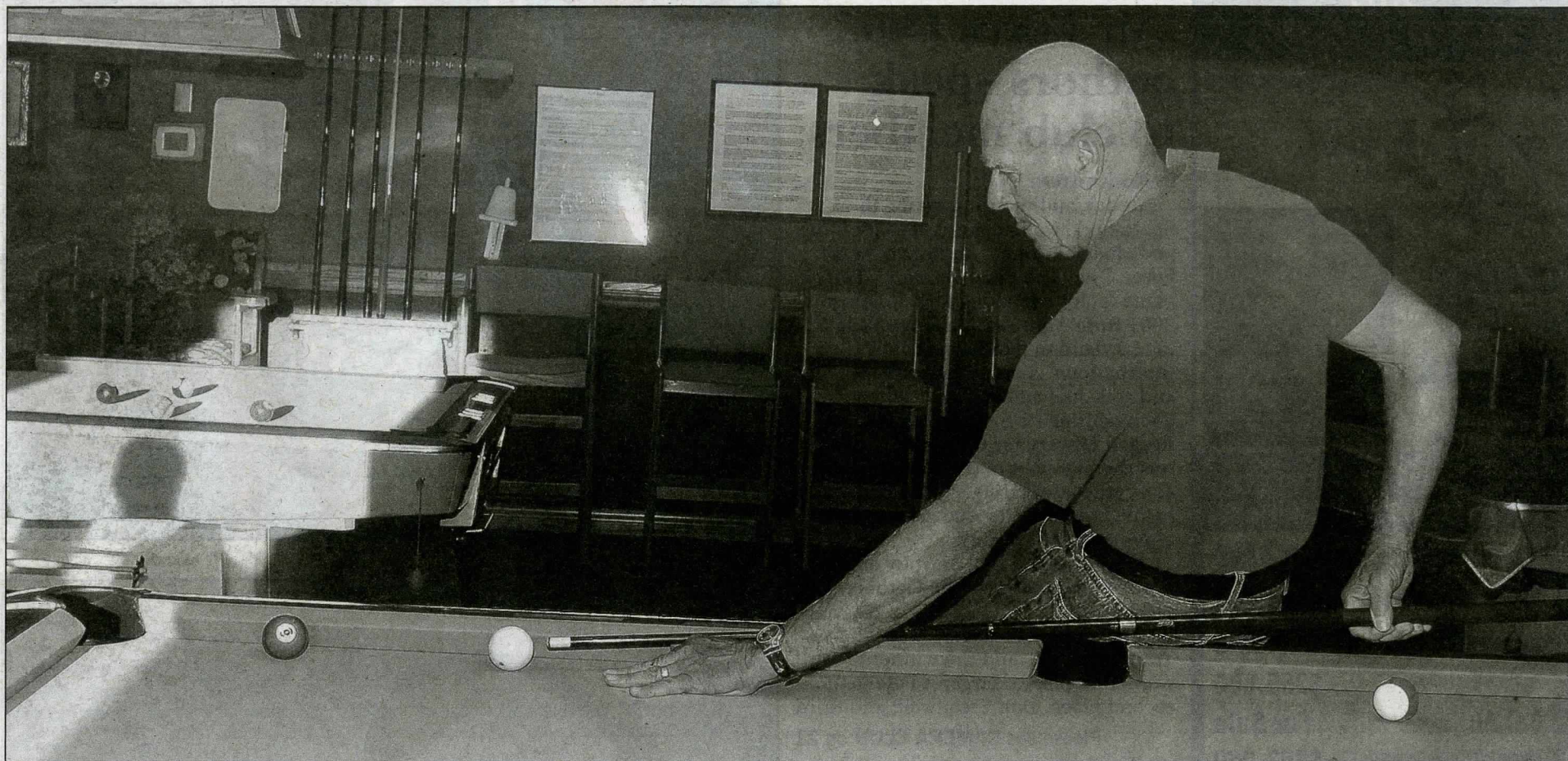
If you are even remotely interested in becoming part of the mixed crowd that hangs out around the pool hall, Thursday after about 6:30 p.m. is the best time for the "meet and greet" sessions that include snacks, billiards, stimulating conversation around the fire pit, and/or a fast-paced dice game

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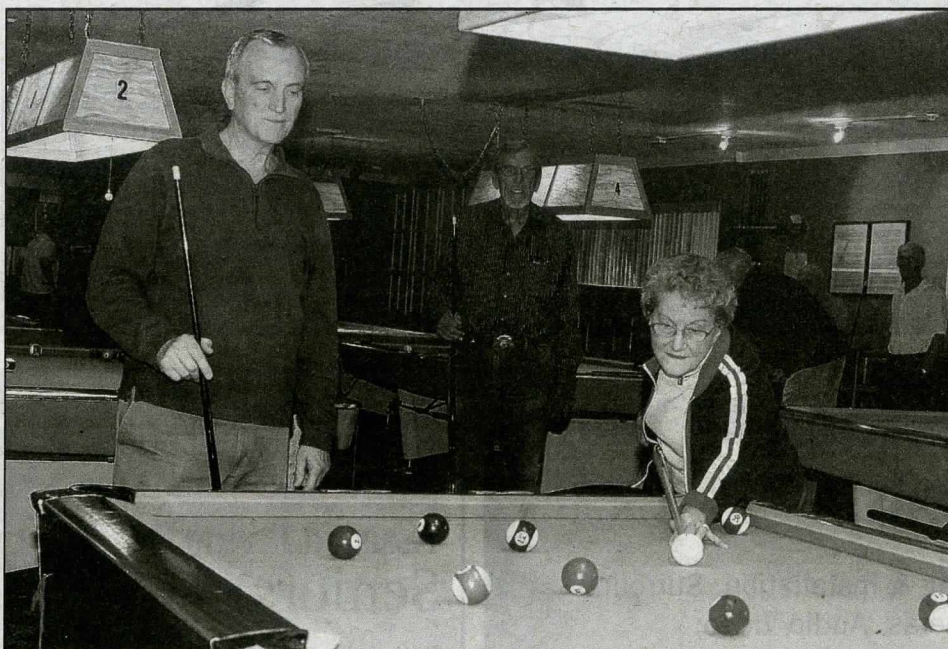
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Photos by Jerry Spector

Richard Woodard tries a behind-the-back shot during a recent Billiards Club meeting. The official club in the Village dates back to 1980.



Jack Quinn watches as Aleta Trogdon takes a shot during a recent Billiards Club meeting. Now that the days of women "hanging out" in pool halls has a whole new meaning, Aleta spends time perfecting her game and has won more eight ball tournaments in Leisure Village than any other resident.

BILLIARDS

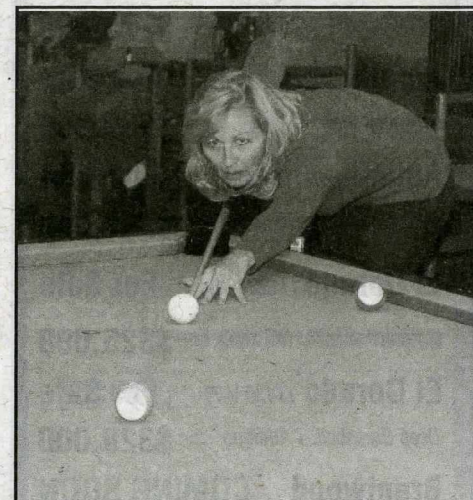
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called left, right, center.

Last, but certainly not least, no article describing the Leisure Village Billiard Club would be complete without mention of Aleta Trogdon, a resident of some 24 years, who has not only won more eight ball tournaments in Leisure Village than any other person, but continues to dominate the game with precision and accuracy, while other enthusiasts both male and female look on with envy.

Aleta has not only witnessed the above referenced transition based on the need for equality, but was instrumental in playing an important role in the welcomed changes in our community by perfecting her skills, teaching others important lessons and leading through example.

When Aleta calls out, "Eight ball in the corner pocket," the odds are favorable that is exactly what will happen.



Jeanne White is one of the 66 female members of the Billiard Club, which has a total of 133 members. Three of the five officers of the club are also women. Anyone interested in joining the club is invited to the Billiard Room any Thursday after 6:30 p.m. for a "meet and greet" and a chance to take aim.

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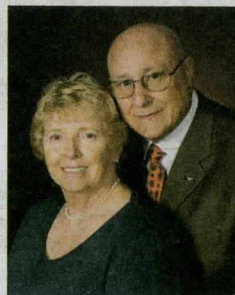
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CAMERA CLUB

'Air Force One' authors speak to club members

By Marion Green

At our mid-month meeting in September, we had guest speakers Joel and Michael Cohen, authors of "Air Force One, The Final Mission." The plane took its final flight September 2001 from Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland to San Bernardino International Airport. For father and son, Joel and Michael Cohen, documenting its historic move to the Reagan Library for their new book was the highlight of their careers. The story was fascinating to hear and was highlighted with a video presentation of parts of the journey.

We welcomed Dan Murphy as our professional judge for the October competition.

The assigned category was Transportation, and the winners were: first place, Margaret Petersen; second place, Don Treadwell; and third

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Top right: Jerry Cohen took first place in the Open category for "Young Artist" during September's Camera Club competition

Bottom right: Margaret Petersen took first place in the Assigned category of Transportation for her "Birds of a Feather" during September's competition.



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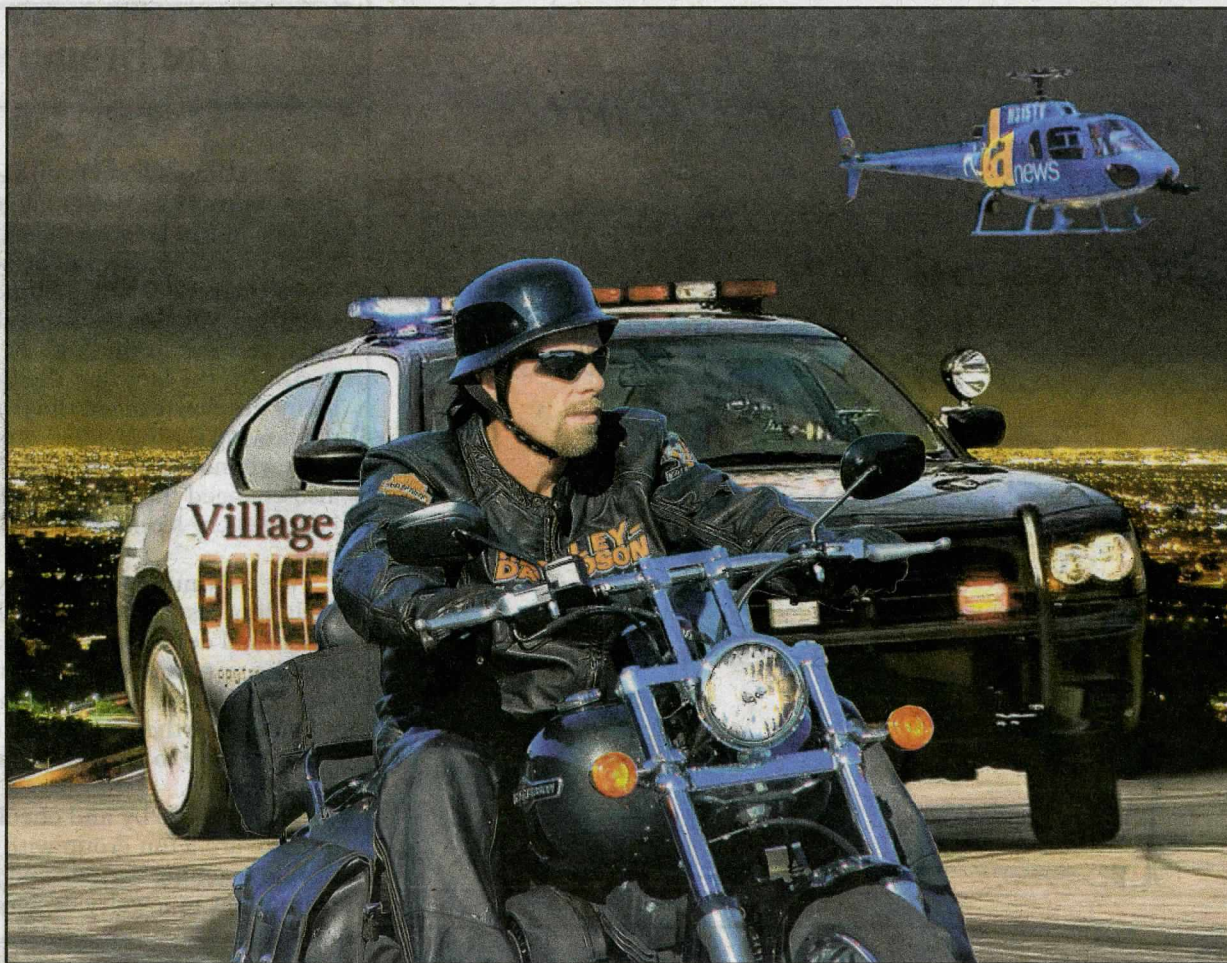
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Ron Langa, a new member, won September's first place in the Creative category for "Situation."

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place, Georgia George. Honorable Mentions were awarded to Gary Greffly and Laura Greffly.

In the Open category, Jerry Cohen won first, Gary Greffly won second, and third place was won by Laura Greffly. Honorable Mentions were

given to Don Treadwell and Marlene Votion.

In the Creative category, the first-place ribbon was won by Ron Langa, second place went to Bill Robinson, and third place was given to Rita Linsey. Honorable Mentions were won by Judy Spector and Don Treadwell.

The Camera Club is proud to be participating in the upcoming Festival

of Arts show on Sunday, Nov. 6, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the AR.

We encourage all residents to join us for our meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month in the MPR at 7 p.m. We are delighted that new members Gary and Laura Greffly and Ron Langa all had winning photos! Come join us. You, too, can be a winner.

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Art Titen and Al Feldman for the men, and Vivian Hurst, Lucy Fiore and Ellen Neally for the ladies.

Big performances came in Week 4 by Jerry Rosen with a 218, Leonard Belcher a 204 and Art Titen a 200. Side Pot winners were Jerry Rosen, Marty Simons and Sal Carbone for the men, and Clarice Shapiro, Ellen Neally (that's three but who's counting) and Ruthy Levine for the ladies.

Week 5 saw a 204 by Leonard Belcher and Ray Cass. Side Pot winners were Marty Simons, Ray Cass and Franklin Melton (new bowler) for the men, and Clarice Shapiro, and two ties — Helen Hartman and Fran Cohen and Susan Kusak and Gail Singer — for the ladies.

Historical fact: The LV Bowling League began in 1975 with just four teams but grew to 30 teams before the end of the decade. Bowling was done at Wagon Wheel Lanes in Oxnard.

The Big Band

By Anne Wolfson

The Big Band, a group of professional musicians who come to play for our entertainment, will be playing on Tuesday nights, Nov. 8, 15 and 29, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the AR. There will be no Big Band on Nov. 22 because of the Ecumenical program.

This is a great evening for listening or dancing to lively music, so come and bring friends and neighbors.

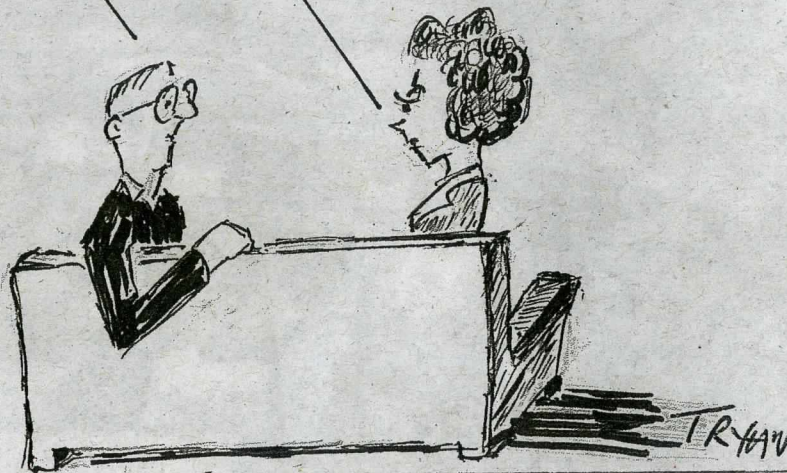
Players Guild

By Joyce Belcher

This month's Players Guild meeting will be held Thursday, Nov. 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the AR. After the meeting we will present a workshop titled "Encore," produced and directed by Elise Perlmutter and Debra Guill. This will be a great musical celebration of their six years together collaborating on their very popular workshops. The cast will perform some of your favorite songs from each of those workshops. Don't miss out on this very entertaining

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Tickets to our holiday dinner dance will be on sale at the door. They are \$23 for members and \$26 for non-members. You will have a choice of Chicken Piccata, Prime Rib or Tilapia. You will enjoy soft piano music during dinner, and afterwards the Rhythm Kings will play for your dancing pleasure.

We are happy to announce our next year's annual play will be "Gigi," directed by musical director and masterful pianist Richard Weiss and produced by Joyce Belcher. Auditions will be held Saturday, Dec. 17, at 10 a.m. in the AR for those with last names between A through M and 1 p.m. for those between N through Z. All auditioners are welcome to observe at both times. We will have callbacks on Monday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m. in the AR. We need a large cast of different types of characters. Those coming to audition for singing parts, please have something planned to sing. It also would be helpful for everyone to bring a picture of yourself so the director can recognize

the auditioner during his decision process. Please come and try out. Who knows? You may be our next big star.

For information call Joyce Belcher at 445-9500.

International Folk Dance

By Michele Malkin

Have you ever wondered how to do those unique steps in folk dancing, be a hit at social functions, carry on your heritage and tradition? If you'd like to find out, join us Mondays at 1 p.m. in the AR with our great teacher, Valerie Daley. Learn Balkan, Israeli, Romanian, Turkish and Greek dances, exercise and have fun! Some of our lessons also include Japanese and Taiwanese dancing. For more information, please contact Michele Malkin at 383-9996 or catlover90230@yahoo.com.

The Stoners

By Fil Barton

The Stoners have been very busy handcrafting and designing jewelry for sale at the Leisure Village Art Show on Nov. 6. We will be set up in the Garden Room. The Stoners and Lapidary will also be displaying other creative work in the AR.

Due to the fact that the Stoner members now exceed the capacity of allowing for individual creativity, we have moved to the MPR. We have also changed the day we meet, which is now every Monday, from 3 to 5:30 p.m.

We continue to do jewelry repairs, including restringing of pearls, for a nominal donation to Lapidary. We also continue to get together for lunch each month to celebrate our members' birthdays. These luncheons will continue to take place on Tuesdays.

Please come by and check us out. We are a fun group with several people teaching various and new techniques in jewelry designing.

LV Women's Golf Association

By Jan Gerk

We begin November with one of our major tournaments, The President's Cup. This is a net tournament begun on Nov. 2 and playing again Nov. 9.

Our monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. in the Garden Room. Come early for refreshments at 1:30 p.m.

Nov. 16 will be a weekly tournament, Nov. 23 is open play and Nov. 30 will be the end of the month tournament.

Our starting time has changed to 8:30 a.m. throughout the winter months. All ladies are invited to join our group. You can play either nine or 18 holes.

On Oct. 12 the 9ers and 18ers played the front nine in a game called "Scramble-Best Ball." We had

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lots of fun, and this game is scheduled a few times during the year. For more information, call Ruth at 445-8415.

Saturday Nite Dance

By Andrea Moran

Since November is the month for "thanks," I would like to express my thank you to our leaders — Wayne, Joyce, Conrad and Therese — and all the other volunteers for a job well done.

The following is the schedule for November: Nov. 5, Dick Parent Band; Nov. 12, Rhythm Kings; Nov. 19, Aristicats.

There is no dance Nov. 26.

Where else on a Saturday night can you listen to wonderful music for 2 ½ hours and dance the night away? What fun! Come join us.

Admission is \$7, with popcorn and punch provided. BYOB.

Happy Turkey Day, and give thanks to our military everywhere.

Woodshop

By Chuck Russell

The Woodshop Committee members volunteer their time repairing household items for residents. The "Woodshop Elves" are available Tuesday and Wednesday mornings between 10 a.m. and noon.

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Thought for the Day

By Belle Lorand, V. 3

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Men's Golf

By Mannie Abbate

Monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month in the MPR at 2 p.m. Pre-meeting refreshments are served at 1:30 p.m. Come early, have bagels, cookies, coffee, wine or punch and chat with the members. Get 50/50 tickets for a drawing at the end of the meeting.

The next regulation tournament will be at Mountain View Golf Course on Nov. 17. The last 2011

tournament will be at Sterling Hills Golf Course on Dec. 15.

On Tuesday, Nov. 22, there will be open play. There's no tournament due to the Thanksgiving celebration. Have a nice Thanksgiving, and remember our troops who are keeping us free to celebrate our holidays.

On Friday, Dec. 16, we will have our Holiday Party, co-hosted with the Ladies and the Billiard Club. This is always a great event. Check the bulletin board at the course and your e-mail for fees for all the future tournament dates and other events.

Match play tournaments, to be played along with the regular Tuesday tournament at our LV course, are being planned. A separate fee will be charged to make prize pots. There are two brackets, one bracket for 9ers and another bracket for 18ers.

E-mails will be sent and notices will be posted at the course.

Sing Along Group

By Anne Wolfson

The Sing Along Group meets on Mondays, Nov. 14 and 28, in the AR from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Come and join in the fun. We have songbooks, and Irene Olson or Stan Vansant will be playing the piano.

LV Pet Club

By Mary Ann Robnett

The Pet Club is a social club for all Village pet owners. Please join us for our monthly meetings and events.

Beatrice Battier, DVM, spoke at our last meeting about pet food, vaccinations and pet insurance. We were advised to make sure our pet food label states it is approved by the AAFCO to insure a balanced diet. Corn can be difficult for dogs to digest, so make sure it isn't the first ingredient listed. A source of protein (chicken, beef, fish, etc.) should be the first ingredient listed, then limited amounts of grains. Check the list of preservatives and do not buy food with Ethoxyquin in it. This can be a poison for animals.

She suggested we check into pet insurance, since illness and accidents can be very expensive. At least consider a major medical plan. All vets have insurance information available.

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reservations for our first annual pet-themed Holiday Party to be held Dec. 5 at 5:30 p.m. in the AR. We will start with mulled wine and spiced cider and live music by Richard Weiss. Dinner will be catered by Wood Ranch. We have door prizes and lots of fun planned. Tickets will be \$20 for member and guest, \$25 for non-members. The price will increase after Nov. 20 so buy your tickets early.

Our next meeting will be Monday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. in the MPR. Jean Kohut will be sharing her parenting experiences with Budgie. "Looking for a pet? How about a parakeet?"

It is getting colder at night, so please bring old, clean bedding and towels to the meeting for our animal shelter. If you have pet coupons, food your pet will not eat or clean pet toys, please bring them to the meeting for our exchange.

We will have dog food recipes from Dr. Battier. She is now on our Advisory Board.

Jazzercise

By Barbara Yago

Fall is upon us, and what better way to start a day than Jazzercise. For those of you who haven't given Jazzercise a try or those of you who haven't been back for awhile, this is an open invitation to come and check us out.

Our instructor, Renee, is a highly qualified teacher with more than 20 years of experience — nine of them right here in Leisure Village. This is a low-impact class especially choreographed for our age group. Renee starts with a warmup and gradually leads to a light aerobic workout, some strength training with weights and a cool-down to a gentle finish.

Renee is an expert in keeping us motivated with her encouragement and humor. This is truly a class for

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anyone who enjoys moving in a healthy way to music.

So come check us out any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 9 a.m. in the AR for a fun, healthy hour. Don't forget to bring water to help keep you hydrated and to wear comfortable clothing and some rubber-soled shoes.

RV Club

By Fred Sass

This year, the holiday luncheon will be at The Aloha restaurant outside the Village. The date is Dec. 6 at 1 p.m. The tickets are \$10 each and are on sale now. Call Barbara Stone at 388-8867 or pick up tickets at the next meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 7:30 p.m. The deadline for tickets is Dec. 1. Remember that each person is required to bring a \$10 wrapped toy for a boy or girl with the age group marked on it.

Women's Club

By Rita Linsey

Tatiana is coming in December to the Women's Club. Don't miss this popular entertainer on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 1:30 p.m. in the AR.

Get ready for the holidays and come to the Holiday Boutique sale on Monday, Nov. 7, from 3 to 7 p.m. and Tuesday, Nov. 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the MPR. For more information please contact Joyce Baker at 889-5866.

Billiard Club

By Jack Quinn

The 8-Ball Tournament winners were:

"SA" Group: first place Hal Simon,

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"B" group: first place Allen Hongesmeier, second Chris Brogdan, third Joe O'Conner.

Tickets for the holiday dinner, scheduled for Friday, Dec. 16, are on sale. Contact Sandy Foeller.

The next monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, Nov. 29. Election for the new 2012 Board of Directors will be held at this meeting.

Country Line Dance Workshop

By Ida Kubica

Dance Workshop meets on Tuesdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the AR. At 2:45, Betty Dean leads a review of the dance steps used in the dances.

For help or introduction to the dance steps, be there. Regular attendance is necessary to learn the basic dance steps and the various styles of dances. That takes time. Try not to be discouraged. We've all been there.

For questions you may have, call our dance instructor, Rhoda Smithkin, at 484-8132.

Club meetings are held the first week of every other month. The dues, \$3, are collected at the end of the year. We donate to the Boys and Girls Club of Camarillo and the Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurses Association. Future events include a collage of dances for the Village Tree Trim Party the first week in December.

Writers Club

By Lois Keeler

We are still getting new members almost every week. We had 22 people at our last meeting, with two new members. It is so interesting to hear all the new styles. When several people write from our suggested topics you surely get a new view of different approaches to the same topic. We do like our writers to choose a topic from their experiences and show us how interesting it can be, but anything they wish to write is surely accepted.

We are working on our new book called "Flowers of the Mind," with writings of several of our members. It should be ready by December and a copy that can be checked out for anyone's perusal will be available at any club meeting or by contacting Kenney Nelson at 987-5658.

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River. The Spanish saw a full-flowing wide river, overflowing at times into vast marshlands that were home to a myriad of waterfowl and small animals. Though it flowed plentifully near downtown all year long, by the turn of the century it had become a dry wash for most of the year, and the ample stream had become a local joke that has never gotten any funnier. By the time the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers had lined its banks with cement they were literally "closing the coffin" on a river that was already dead. What a shame, and all in the name of "progress." Trees had been felled, the wetlands dried and the river diverted into a series of irrigation ditches, often spilling over with "garbage and foul matter."

The Spanish period was dominated by vast Ranchos, the result of land grants, common to this era.

Rancho San Pedro, soon known as the Dominguez Ranch, began as a gift of 75,000 acres in 1784.

The historic Gilmore Adobe was built in 1852. The original building had two rooms with a dirt packed floor and a brea roof from

the tar pits. Today, it is the location of the Farmer's Market.

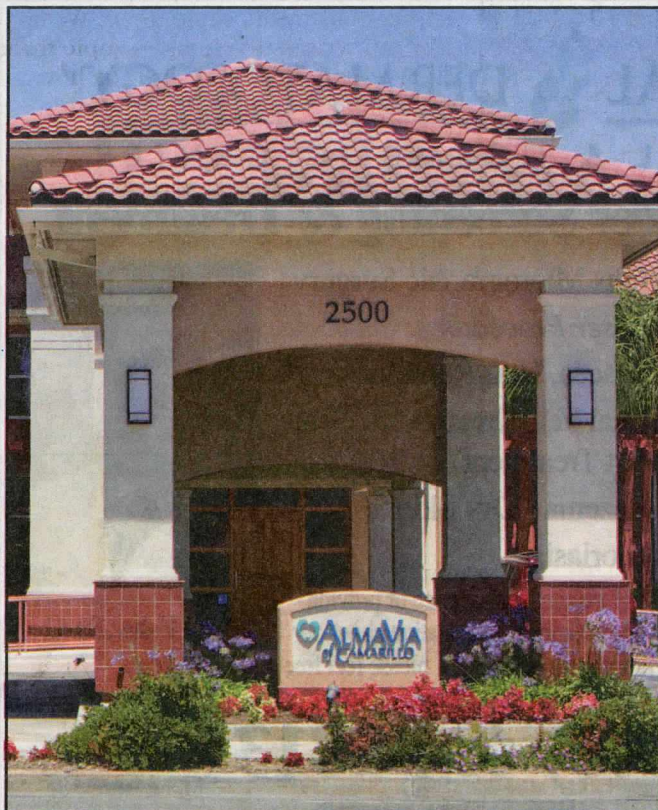
California was ruled by Spain until 1822, when Mexico assumed jurisdiction. After a two-year period of hostilities with Mexico beginning in 1846, the area came under U.S. control.

In 1848, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo made California a United States territory.

The County of Los Angeles was established on Feb. 18, 1850, as one of the 27 original counties, several months before California was admitted to the Union. It derived its name from the area known as Los Angeles, already a large community, and made the designated "seat" of county government.

On April 1, 1850, the people of Los Angeles County asserted their newly won right of self-government and elected a three-man Court of Sessions as their first governing body. In 1852, the Legislature dissolved the Court of Sessions and created a five-member Board of Supervisors.

In 1913 the citizens of Los Angeles approved a charter recommended by a board of freeholders which gave the county greater freedom to govern itself within the framework of the state law.



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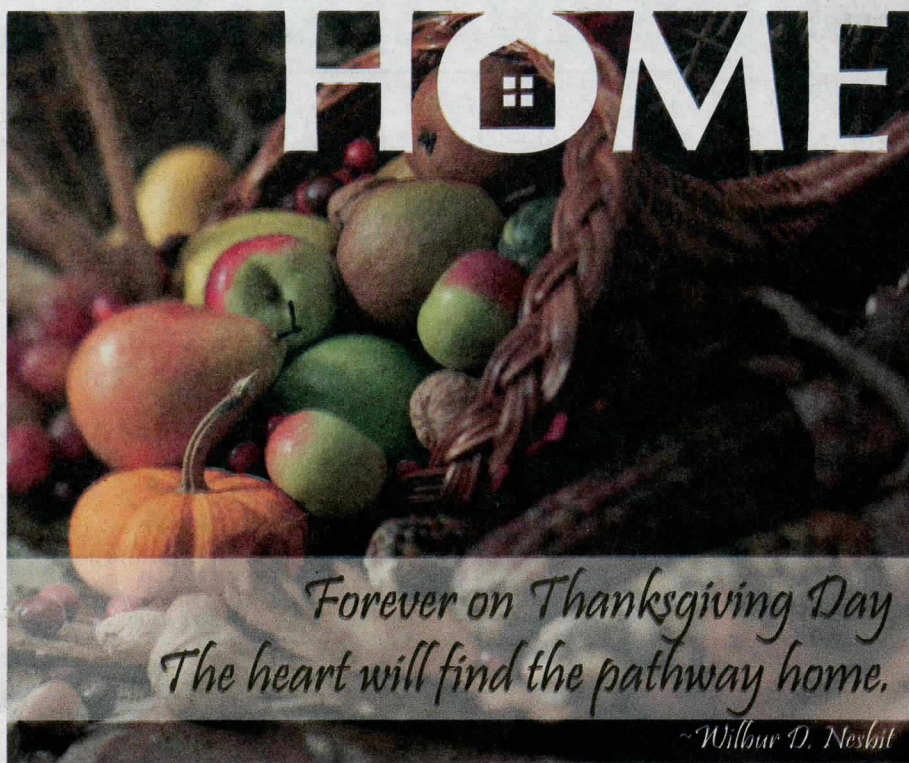
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America's music changes as our nation grows, matures

By Gene Valentino

A foremost indicator of culture in our world is classical music, for which appreciation never fades.

Since most famous composers pre-date America's development, the classics were linked to names like Beethoven, Verdi, Bach, Mozart and Puccini. Americans are now among them, but we also gave a new music form - American "popular music."

Surprisingly, America's melting pot produced a brand of music that envelopes more than the English-speaking world. This "popular music" reflected the times of immigrants, first-generation Americans and after. For over a century, it took on a classic form of its own.

America's dramatic change was in tempo with that music - it portrayed our growth. The composers are famous names like Irving Berlin,

George Gershwin, Hoagy Carmichael, and Cole Porter - plus the Broadway musicals of Jerome Kern; Rogers & Hammerstein; Lerner & Lowe and others. Hollywood films and Tin Pan Alley also sprouted a cornucopia of great music - embellishing further America's unique pop-music culture.

This idiom of music took seed before the 1920s but bloomed later with radio's growth and Hollywood's new talking pictures. After that, prolific composers produced a slew of songs in tune with the times.

When the stock market crashed in 1929, "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?" took hold.

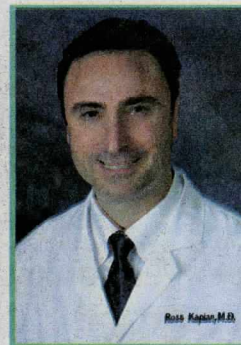
"If I Had a Talking Picture of You" heralded Hollywood's new sound movies, while the music of World War II chronicled the war years and the mood of America.

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The 1930s, 1940s and 1950s had a parade of hit songs that will never die — musical gems that became standards and perennial favorites. Bing Crosby led a line of crooners and singers. Many, like Frank Sinatra and Doris Day, came out of dance bands of the 1930s and 1940s, although dance bands were around before the 1920s.

All this great music was on the air when radio was alone broadcasting live band remotes and disc jockeys played the records that stores sold like hot-cakes. America was not only swinging but dancing, prompting the growth of dance bands from pre-1920s through the Big Band Era, which peaked from 1935 to 1945.

Over 400 great bands played everything from sweet to swing from coast to coast. Popular appeal was strong. Many big name band leaders had the status of stars. Their decline began in the early 1960s when ratings surveys favored the growing youth audience and radio switched to rock-

music.

Sadly, a rich heritage of great American music was turned off by radio. They once flourished together — not anymore.

Recordings are plentiful of this classic music with musicians who played flawlessly, and still do. In Southern California, The Johnny Vana Big Band features them, emulating the best of their past.

Good music is perennial. Its correlation with history should be taught in schools. When music resonates to the times, it befits — like a song to lyrics.

Proof that good music never dies are the Glenn Miller Bands, still alive, led by Gary Tole (United States); Ray McVay (United Kingdom); Wil Salden (Germany); Jan Slottenas (Sweden) and Bill Baker (Holland). This music also thrives in Japan, South Africa, Australia, Canada and Europe.

Exemplary is the United Kingdom, where Pete King publishes a widely read Big Band magazine for English-speaking countries.

America's great music is

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chronicled, especially that of Glenn Miller, whose U.S. Army band was there during World War II. They always remember — even adopted his music. Pete King's website tells it all: <http://www.bigbandbuddies.co.uk>.

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The clerk responded, "That's our problem today. The former generation did not care enough to save our environment."

He was right, that generation didn't have the green thing in its day.

Back then, they returned their milk bottles, soda bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled.

But they didn't have the green thing back in that customer's day.

In her day, they walked up stairs, because they didn't have an escalator

in every store and office building. They walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time they had to go two blocks.

But she was right. They didn't have the green thing in her day.

Back then, they washed the baby's diapers because they didn't have the throwaway kind.

They dried clothes on a line, not in an energy-gobbling machine burning up 220 volts. Wind and solar power really did dry the clothes.

Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing.

But that old lady is right, they didn't have the green thing back in her day.

Back then, they had one TV, or radio, in the house not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief, not a screen the size of the state of

Montana.

In the kitchen, they blended and stirred by hand because they didn't have electric machines to do everything for you.

When they packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, they used a wadded up old newspaper to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap.

Back then, they didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn. They used a push mower that ran on human power.

They exercised by working so they didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity.

But she's right, they didn't have the green thing back then.

They drank from a fountain when they were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time they had a drink of water.

They refilled their writing pens

with ink instead of buying a new pen, and they replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull.

But they didn't have the green thing back then.

Back then, people took the streetcar or a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or rode the school bus instead of turning their moms into a 24-hour taxi service.

They had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances.

And they didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 2,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest pizza joint.

But isn't it sad the current generation laments how wasteful the old folks were just because they didn't have the green thing back then?

(Author anonymous)

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A passing breeze

By Norma Ratner Waldhorn, V. 17

I sort of fainted in my best chair; the sheer curtains breathing in and out with a mild rhythmical breeze is so placid; what an incommensurable stress free moment!

No present, no past, not even a future at the moment, just a sleepy state of a lone soul that desires no contact with the real world.

The phone rings and someone is asking to speak with me. I hesitate but confirm it. He gives me his name, which sounds like a kind of color I remember having seen perhaps far, far away, in another life. He has a rich voice and his interest in evoking our remote relationship slaps my cheeks and splashes my eyes. I ask him to remind me the year and place of our rendezvous.

Instead, he plays a song of the fifties and I melt my 178 pounds into my comfy chair again. We talk a while, remembering the good old times, such beautiful walks on the beach after dancing the long nights, through all

those unforgettable songs and singers — Nat Cole — Paul Anka — Johnny Mathis. My heart feels young, romantic, as if the three stents inserted in my right coronary artery were the best jewels I own.

I stand up and walk towards the window to feel the cool air. He says he'll call me again to arrange a meeting.

We hang up. It's been more than five decades! I dance around the room and trip over the suitcases ready to be picked up by the shuttle. I realize I don't remember his name. There were actually a few cute guys I liked that summer ... at that place, with those songs.

I am showered with a sudden and formidable downpour of meteorites over my head; I then feel and recognize not only my sutured and mended heart but my present and my uncertain future.

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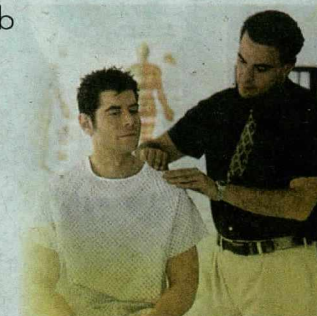
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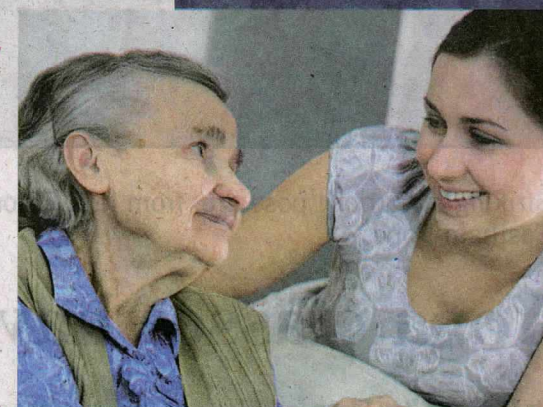
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Striking a Warrior I pose are, from left, Eldora Barton, Gladys Budlong, Betty Oeland, Ginny Johnson, Pat Griffith, Dave Paley, Jan Paley and Gudrun Eastham-Pope.

Yoga classes have Villagers striking a pose on Tuesdays

By Dick and Kay Olson

The word yoga derives from Sanskrit meaning "to join." The practice of yoga had its start in ancient India somewhere in the second century BC.

Here in Leisure Village, the practice of yoga dates back 11 years to when Jack and Dory Prosen convinced their yoga teacher, Craig Story, to travel from her home in Westlake Village every Tuesday morning to Leisure Village to teach a class in yoga to a small group of health-conscious residents. Today

that small group has grown to over 30 dedicated yoga students.

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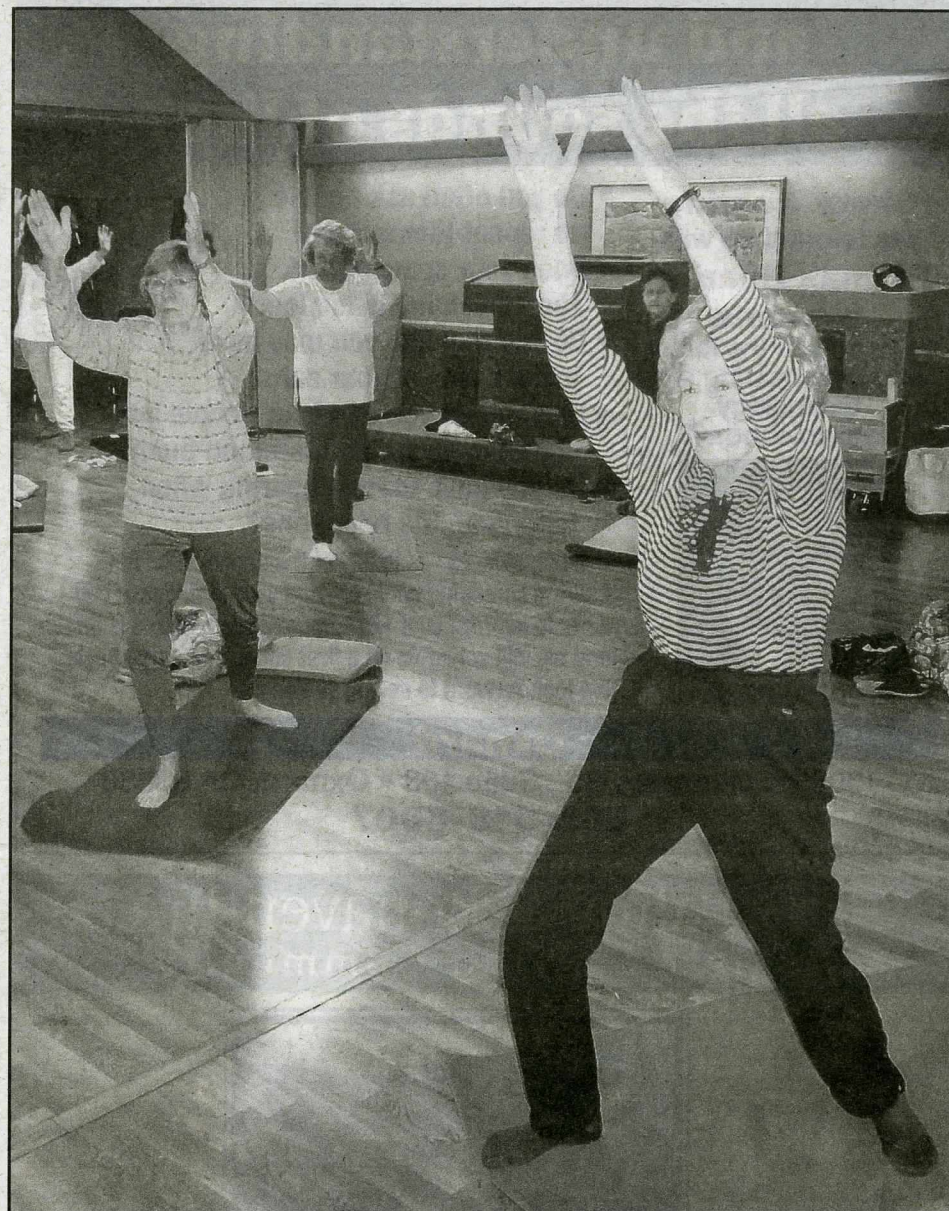
What sort of people practice yoga? All sorts: women, men, old, young, healthy, and those struggling with their health. The class has the entire range of people in it. Several students have been involved with yoga for many years while others are new to yoga. Some even practice yoga from a chair. Ms. Story is constantly telling her class to listen to their bodies and

to do nothing that is painful. Yoga is to be enjoyed, not endured.

The class meets at 10:30 a.m. every Tuesday in the AR. The cost is \$5 per class and is open to all residents of Leisure Village. A second class has started up on Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the AR and is taught by Anna Chevalier. No experience is necessary and newcomers are always welcome. If you wish to observe the class for a short time for no charge you are welcome to do that.

Namaste.

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Photos by Jerry Spector

Top left: Jack Prosen, Isabel Blau, Ruth Fridberg, Dory Prosen and Margaret Buxkemper demonstrate the Cobbler pose. Jack and Ruth show how yoga can be done in a chair.

Above: Gëri Delgado, Sonia Galvin and Ida Zeller show flexibility and balance.

Left: Craige Story teaches the Tuesday yoga class. She has been teaching in the Village for 11 years, traveling from her home in Westlake Village. The class has grown from a dedicated few to more than 30.

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Sunny days

After 40 years, kids still flock to 'Sesame Street'

By Brett Johnson • bjohnson@VCStar.com

As it turns 40 this week, "Sesame Street" remains a special place in our hearts and minds, that still happens to be a neighborhood where the lovable and indelible puppets Big Bird, Bert and Ernie and that intrepid Elmo never get old.

Its season premiere Tuesday comes exactly 40 years from its Nov. 10, 1969, debut. First lady Michelle Obama will help ring in the milestone when she appears on a segment about the benefits of planting a garden and eating vegetables.

Though armed with updated animation and graphics and always mindful of a fresher look, "Sesame Street" remains recognizable today. Executive Producer Carol-Lynn Parente noted recently in a phone interview from New York during a short break in the show's shooting schedule.

A lot of its curriculum hasn't changed, though it's added things such as the "Healthy Habits for Life" initiative aimed at the growing problem of childhood obesity. That, she added, dovetails nicely with Obama's vegetable lesson on the season opener. But contrary to popular reports, the Cookie Monster has not caved to the political correctness that rules the day and sworn off eating his namesakes. (More on that later.)

See **SESAME STREET** on D10



Nicole Berk's 2-year-old daughter, Ellie, watches "Sesame Street" in her room at their Newbury Park home and waves to Elmo as the show starts. Ellie also went as Elmo on Halloween. "Sesame Street" celebrates its 40th birthday Tuesday.

Friendship tale takes to the stage

Conejo Players' 'Bert & Ernie' original musical stirs nostalgia

By Karen Wilson

What if Misha Pollack never about entertainer Eddie Cantor he learned from his grandfather. What he learned about the special friendship between the vaudeville and black entertainer of the era, he learned rehearsing for the upcoming musical "Bert & Ernie."

The 26-year-old Woodland Hills resident is cast as Cantor in the Conejo Players Theatre show opening Friday. The friendship and mentoring that has taken place behind the scenes between him and Larry Robinson of Sylmar, who portrays Williams, is a reflection of the true-life story of the two men.



Photo courtesy of Bob Johnson
Starring as Andy Brashed as W.C. Fields, left, Misha Pollack as Eddie Cantor and Larry Robinson as Bert Williams.
Though they just met, Pollack considers Robinson "a good, very good friend."
It's interesting, he noted, to see the parallel — the young Jewish boy and the slightly older black actor.
The musical chronicles a project started in the 1970s and that has always remained on Dick DeBenedictis' mind.
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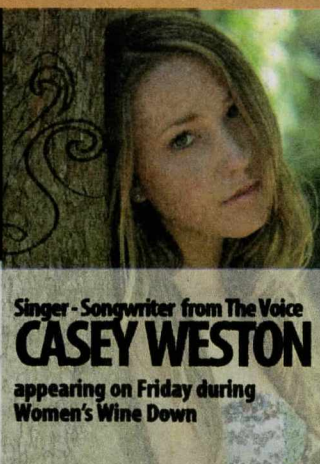
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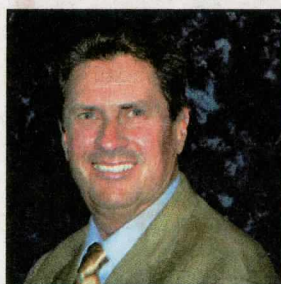


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NOVEMBER: A Time of Gratitude!

A time of personal reflection on all our many blessings.

Veteran's Day—Thursday, November 11th

We are SO grateful for all of our Veterans. Thank you for your service. Thank you for making it possible for us to live and work in this great country. It is an honor for us to fly our flag in honor of our great Military.



Thanksgiving Day — Thursday, November 24th

Our hearts are filled with gratitude for our many blessings. Family, Freedom, Friends and good health are at the top of the list. During this Economic crisis of our country we have been blessed by great advocates. We work hard to serve all our clients and in turn we are blessed by great referrals. Thank you for all your good words.



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