

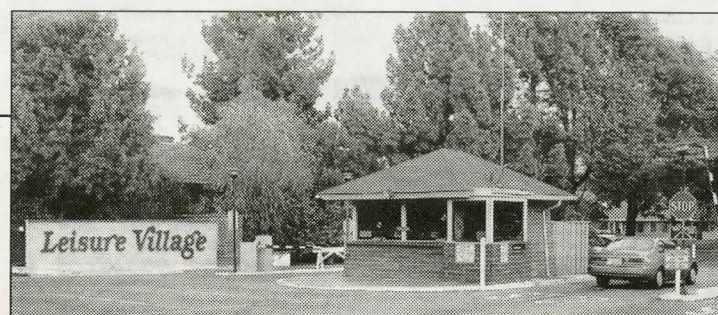
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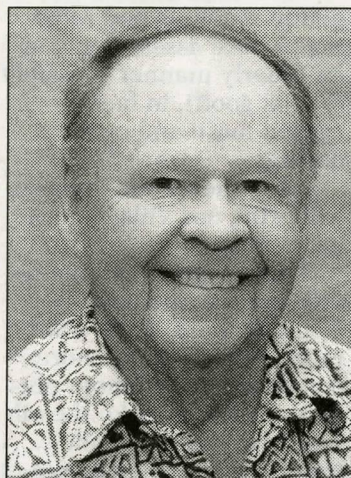
"Inside Leisure Village" asked the seven candidates for the three open seats on the Board of Directors to respond, in 300 words or less, to the following:

- Why do you support or oppose the recent rate increase?
- How would you resolve the issues that led to the increase?
- What is your plan for the future of Leisure Village?

Their responses are on Pages 8-11. Don't forget to vote on June 30.



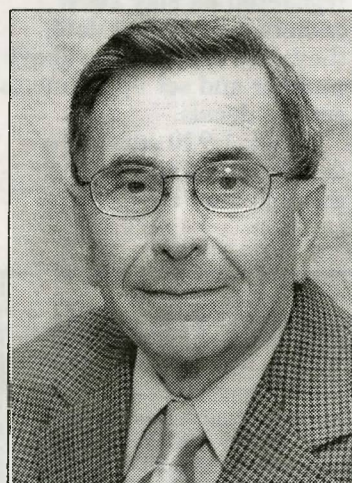
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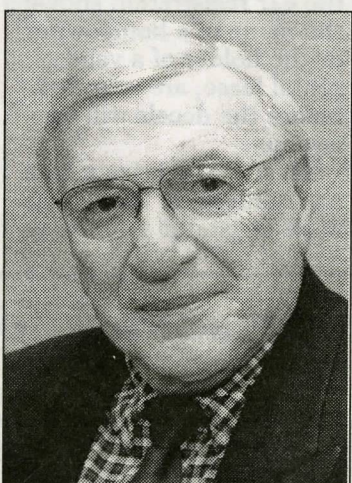
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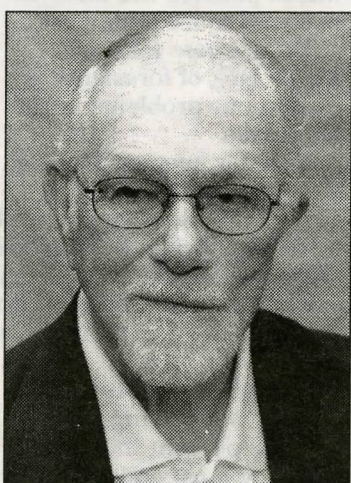
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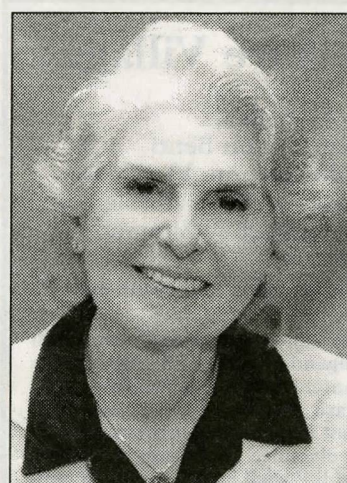
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Bob Vanderhaven

## LV resident recalls action of D-Day

By Jack Whalen

D-Day — June 6, 1944 — the largest invasion force in history assembles in the English Channel as Allied forces storm the beaches of Normandy, leading to the eventual defeat of the Axis in Europe.

For Leisure Village's Bob Vanderhaven, it was a long, long day.

One hour before D-Day, at 11 p.m. June 5, from an airbase in England, Captain Vanderhaven gave full throttle to his C-47 Skytrain and

within minutes joined the largest formation of planes ever assembled in the sky at one time.

"There were 822 in the air," Bob said, "carrying 13,000 American soldiers, the most massive night parachute mission in history. In full flight, the formation was nine planes wide and spread back over 200 miles, all the way from English fields to France. By 4:30 a.m., the paratroops were on the ground, behind Utah Beach, and, of course,

a few hours later the Allies hit the beaches."

Though his return flight was uneventful, there was more action in store for Bob and his crew. Early the same day, as darkness fell, he was in the air again, this time as part of an armada towing a large British glider filled with infantrymen — 50 gliders in all assigned to land behind Utah Beach.

"The glider I towed made a safe landing," he says, "but some were not so for-

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## Editorial position

This small community newspaper lacks the resources needed to provide the depth of journalistic research that would justify our endorsing any candidates in the coming election for three open seats on the Association's Board of Directors.

A few weeks ago, at a Working Board Meeting, outgoing Director Dick Griswold said, "This is not a democracy." His comment referred to budget-setting matters and the general fact that the Board has the final say on all matters, that not everything it considers has to be approved item-by-item in a public forum.

Despite that, in the larger sense, all Villagers have the ultimate democratic power — the final say as to who will get to make the decisions on our behalf.

As with past elections, this one is not easy.

We plan to vote for those candidates we believe will best uphold their sworn obligation to maintain our quality of life, our homes and all of the common areas in which we share ownership.

We believe there are two overriding issues: how to best protect our investments and pay the bills and, in light of pre-election charges

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### THE GOLDEN YEARS



### About Inside Leisure Village

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**W**e are AVI — Advance Village Interests.

AVI is for forward-looking Village enhancements.

AVI is against retrograde thinking, which would lower our property values.

AVI understands and supports the 17.4 percent assessment increase caused by previous Boards ignoring our obviously deteriorating lawns and streets.

Their false economies, penny-pinching and refusing to raise assessments in an orderly manner (possibly to look good), in fact, caused more and more damage.

AVI believes the increase will bring our Village back up to par.

These repairs and maintenance are due now. Without them, there will be more deterioration, more brown lawns and more potholes that will make the village look run-down and lower our property values.

Do not vote for those whose policies will force us to spend more later.

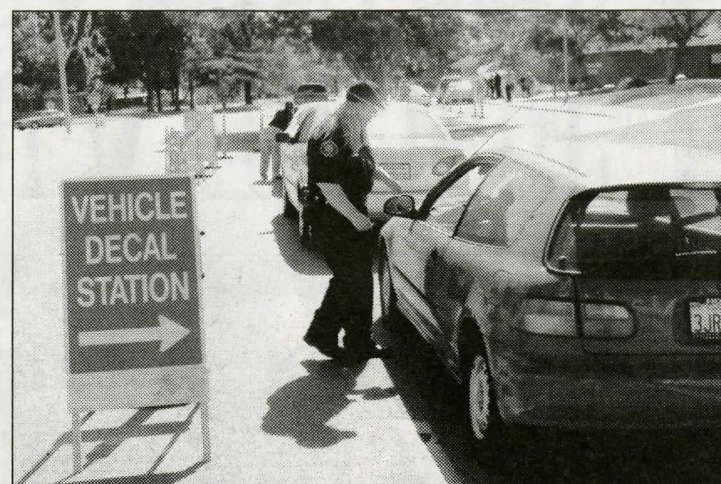
Do not vote for those whose lack of foresight caused our problems in the first place.

Vote for keeping Leisure Village green and lovely!

— **Bob Koster, Phil Belsky, Sylvia Belsky, Sid Alweiss, Gloria Page, Jerry Doctrow, Jack Prosen, Bob Humphrey**

**T**he Board members supporting the 17.4 percent increase say they must consider only

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Tabatha Puga of LV Security attaches a decal to a homeowner's car. In all, 1,920 cars were decaled from May 17 through May 19.

### It's not too late to get a decal

Owners of private cars in the Village who failed to get decals can now arrange to have them affixed at the East Gate by calling 484-2861, ext. 19, to make an appointment.

A valid driver's license, the car registration showing the name of a homeowner or the holder of a valid rental lease, are required before the decals will be issued.

Most of the private cars and vehicles in the Village were registered and fitted

with the new windshield decals during a three-day period last month. The new yellow decals expire in May of 2008.

The same rules apply to recreational vehicles, boats and trailers, which were registered on May 20. If owners missed that date, they, too, can call the above number and set up a time to get the decals.

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### Deadlines for next month

The Display Advertising deadline for the July 2005 issue will be Monday, June 6, at 5 p.m. Deadline for letters, club news, stories, photos and classified ads is Friday, June 10, at 5 p.m. Publication is scheduled for July 1. 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.

### 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. Whatever was not printed in this issue due to space limitations will be considered for the next issue.

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# Works of D.W. Griffith will be shown on June 12

By Bob Koster

For the next Leisure Village Classic Films evening — June 12, 7 p.m. in the AR, as usual — we reach way back into the past.

David Wark Griffith was possibly the most important figure in the entire history of film.

He was born on a poor farm in Kentucky in 1875. His father, who died when Griffith was 10, had been an officer in the Confederate Army, Jacob "Roaring Jake" Griffith, a legendary colonel.

Griffith never had much of a formal education. A quiet, lonely child, he spent much of his time reading at home. As he read the classics, he became more and more enthralled and determined to do something theatrical with his life.

At an early age, in 1897, he left Kentucky to start working in theater. He worked all over the country, acting in plays when he could and writing new plays when he could. He ended up in 1907 or 1908 working for the Edison Company, his theatrical experience having been less than successful.

Edwin S. Porter was the chief director at Edison then, and D.W. worked as an actor for him for a year or two before being given the bullhorn himself.

Griffith's early films show his development as a director. More importantly, they show the development of film as an art form.

Griffith took already existing film conventions — the iris, the wipe, cross-cutting, the close-up, the psychologically motivated camera angle, subjective camera movement — and brought them together much the same way that Haydn brought all the elements of music together to form the symphony, or that Shakespeare molded the English language into the magnificent instrument it is



Humphrey Bogart, right, was one of many huge stars — including Jimmy Stewart and Frank Sinatra — who appeared on the Jack Benny Show. The best of the original Jack Benny shows will be shown on Sunday, July 10, in honor of the Fourth of July holiday.

today. Griffith did the same for the movies.

His early films from 1909 through 1914 show these early developments. Such minor masterpieces as "Those Awful Hat," "The Girl and her Trust" and the

famous "Musketeers of Pig Alley" are examples of Griffith working his way up to his masterpiece, "Birth of a Nation."

We showed "Birth" last year, in two parts, and will probably show it again in the future, but for this screening, we will watch the process of how movies were developed from a series of disconnected shots into the smoothly flowing narrative that Griffith fashioned, almost single-handedly.

He was responsible for much more than developing movies into an art, however. He needed a massive marketing system to get people into the theaters to see his works so he could keep on making films, and consequently he developed the movie publicity system that is still in use to this day.

It is not overstating the case to say that he invented the movie industry.

Since he was a founding member of the nascent Directors Guild of America, it was natural that the Guild should pay homage to him by naming their annual honor award the D.W. Griffith Award for outstanding contributions to the art

of film.

Between 1908 and 1913, Griffith wrote, produced, directed, and edited some 450 one- and two-reel films. They are his workshop, his school. We will have an evening of these little silent films, 10- and 20-minutes long, and we can watch the birth of the movies as we know them today.

During the halcyon years of radio, there was no more beloved and attended weekly show than the Jack Benny Show. The characters — Rochester, Mary, Don Wilson, Dennis Day — all were friends of ours in our homes on Sunday evening every week.

Well, in 1950, the Columbia Broadcasting System decided to give him a weekly TV show of his own. That show was to last

for 15 years.

With such guests as Jimmy Stewart, Frank Sinatra, and all the major stars of the day, it was a "must-see" show for everybody who was anybody for many years. Jack himself gathered mimics by the score, some of whom still appear from time to time and try to emulate his exquisite timing and grace. None have succeeded yet, and none ever will.

On Sunday, July 10, in honor of the Fourth of July holiday, we present at 7 in the evening in the AR, the very best of the original Jack Benny shows. All your favorites will be there — and quite a few surprises, too.

Hope you can join us. In the meantime, see ya at the movies!

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Patricia Rybin, V. 20  
Kenneth H. Wechsler, V. 44  
Eva Blumer, V. 13  
Albert Simons, formerly V. 28  
Ruth R. Noyes, V. 23  
Archie McGinnis, V. 16

### BETTER LIVING, BETTER BREATHING

#### By Lorraine Comer

Summer is upon us, and warm weather is coming. We will want to open windows and have blooming flowers, forming irritants that can cause breathing problems.

During our monthly session in June we will be discussing troubles with allergies and other related breathing problems and solutions.

Between the group members and myself, we continue to learn about the newest medications and methods to keep improving our breathing patterns so that we are able to accomplish the things we want to do on a daily basis without getting short of breath.

Again, just a reminder that we meet the second Wednesday of the month in the Garden Room at 10 a.m.

### 55 Alive class June 16, 17

#### By Naomi Balfour

The 55 Alive safe driving class will be offered to licensed drivers in the Village on June 16 and 17 from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.

All who take the class will receive a discount on automobile insurance for three years, according to California law. The amount does vary, so check with your insurance company.

The class will also be helpful to prepare for the written exam you must pass if you are over 70 and need to renew your driver's license.

The cost is \$10 per person by check. Since only 30 people may attend the class at once, you must be pre-registered and pre-paid.

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

### THE GOLDEN YEARS



### Laubaeh teaches volunteers for ESL classes

We're pleased to offer free training for volunteers to teach English as a Second Language. Classes will be given in the Lanai Room on June 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

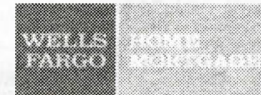
Laubach Literacy, a non-profit organization, provides the training, books and students at no cost to you. You'll enjoy learning about different cultures, meeting interesting people and per-

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## VILLAGE PROFILE



Marilyn Foraker stars in a recent production of 'Hello, Dolly!'

# Marilyn Foraker brings Dolly to life

By R. Carol Sweeney-Zimmet

I may be one of the few people who have never seen "Hello Dolly," whether on stage or on the screen.

That is why I was so mesmerized by Marilyn Foraker's performance as Dolly Levi. I could sit back and just enjoy her performance and not compare her to any other Dolly. And that's what I did. I so enjoyed her performance that I was thrilled with the opportunity to interview her for "Inside Leisure Village."

Visiting Marilyn in the home she shares with her husband, Joe, gives you a sense why Dolly was such a perfect fit for her. Their home is surrounded by roses, courtesy of Joe. He has won awards because of his gardening prowess, and the graciousness that surrounds their house continues as you enter their beautiful home.

I was totally involved in absorbing her performance and wanted to know how she developed her melodious singing as well as speaking voice.

She always wanted dramatic roles and was chosen to be the Wicked Witch of the West in a "Wizard of Oz" children's theater production in Mission Viejo. If you close your eyes to erase

away the classy Dolly, you can picture her, involved in the role of the witch, prancing around the stage. That role began a nine-year involvement performing "Fractured Fairy Tales" for children.

What is outstanding about Marilyn, in addition to the resonant speaking voice and captivating singing voice is that, as she danced around the stage as Dolly, she was doing it on two artificial knees with rheumatoid arthritis thrown in. Would anyone guess that she was on two artificial knees?

Marilyn displayed her hands to me and revealed that she covered the disfigurement with gloves. And for those who were lucky enough to see the play,

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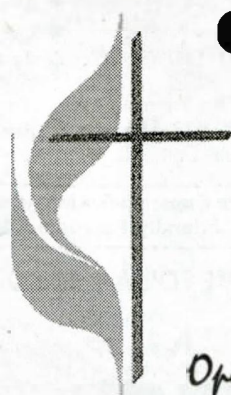
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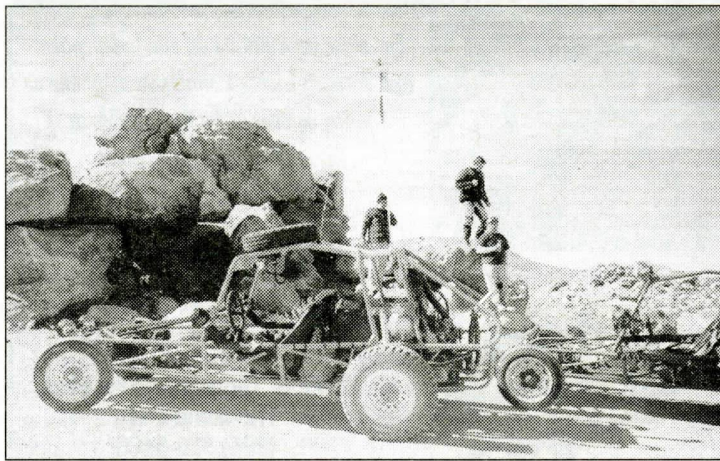
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## LV's 'Mojave Mo' is at home in the sand

By Joseph Benti

It's not the official motto of off-road enthusiasts, just part of a decal — "Either you make dust, or you eat it!" — that Village resident Mike Maurice has on the windshield of his off-road vehicle. And don't call it a "dune buggy."

"Dune buggies are for sand dunes. Our off-rovers, which most of us build ourselves, go just about anywhere in the desert," says Maurice, who does just that most weekends, from October to May, out in the Mojave Desert, off Highway 14, northeast of Red Rock. Usually, their 100-mile daily round-trip "runs" are under the fiery exhausts of awesome military jets constantly training over the nearby China Lake Naval Weapons Center and out of Edwards Air Force Base.

For 25 years, in addition to the ever-changing desert, the appeal for Maurice — aka "Mojave Mo" (his CB handle) or just plain "Mo" — has been the camaraderie he has enjoyed with a tight little group of guys and a few wives on the "runs" over some 350 square miles of trails mapped in the Jawbone Canyon area by the Bureau of Land Management.

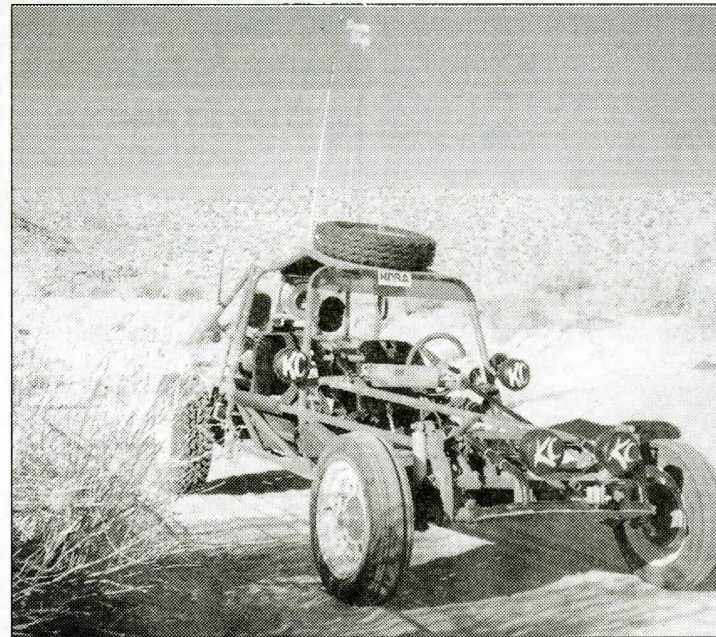
"It's a 100 percent demanding challenge," says Maurice. "And, it can get spooky. You're going along at 60 miles an hour and the road in front of you might just disappear — washed

out since the last time by a flash flood or some unexpected shift that changed everything."

The group that began with four friends now numbers more than four dozen, from all walks of life. The peace and solitude is mixed with adventures on wheels, overnight stays in the comfort of motor homes, explorations, campfires and beer, and, just as important, "the fellowship."

The vehicles, which on first pass look like something out of the movie, "Mad Max," which used similar off-rovers, are painstakingly constructed and cared for.

Mike's vehicle took four



Mike Maurice's off-road vehicle makes tracks in Jawbone Canyon area off Highway 14.

years and about \$3,000 to build around the air-cooled '72 Volkswagen engine that he bought for \$100. He hauled it to his garage, tore it apart and completely rebuilt it. He housed it inside a chassis that looks like a frame made out of PVC plumbing pipe.

In fact, it's "Chromemolly," bulletproof, tubular steel constructed low to the ground and providing a low center of gravity and a sand-roll frame that keeps the driver and occupants in the vehicle when and if that roll occurs on one of those runs when

the ground disappears.

He wanted bright headlights, so he bought two landing lights from a United Airlines jet, each at 500,000 candlepower. That compares to 50,000 candlepower for the average car headlight.

"Which is why, at night, when I'm around," he said, "the bunnies wear sunglasses."

Mike, who picked up his skills as a jet mechanic on the carrier USS Enterprise, has been a Southern Californian for 58 of his 59

## Economic lessons of life in Village

By Joseph Benti

On several occasions, outgoing Board President Bob Ellis, who chose not to seek re-election, has invited those who complain about the recent 17.4 percent assessment increase to spend a dollar and read the history of the Village (1973-2003), as compiled by Marilyn Holthouse.

I took his advice and spent my dollar.

This article is based mostly on what I found in the work, which is really just a thumbnail description of events, not a full-blown history.

Yet, Ms. Holthouse and the Historical Committee's labors do provide bits and pieces of information that can help us piece together a sense of the pattern of Leisure Village's current financial pressure — the impulse is to say "crisis," but, in fact, there is no crisis.

What there seems to be is predictable anger by some (we'll only know how many when we see the results of the upcoming election) over the assessment increase because one can assume

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# Donna M. Duke, 18-year resident of Leisure Village

**I. Why do you support or oppose the recent rate increase?**

I oppose the 17.4 percent increase because the effects of this increase will ultimately reduce the value of our property — not increase it. More homes will be up for sale, decreasing demand. Potential buyers may well look elsewhere when learning their dues can rise 17.4 percent in one year.

Second, I don't see any justification for this huge increase. Accusing past boards of not doing their jobs is the same as passing around anonymous letters, maybe worse, because scare tactics rather than facts are being used to influence Homeowners. I believe there are better and smarter ways to improve and maintain the village with less outlay.

**II. How would you resolve the issues that led to the increase?**



Donna M. Duke

A plan should have been adopted to prioritize maintenance issues over time. If the three Board members leaving in June would have instituted the lawn maintenance program in the first year of their term, one year of the contract would be remaining. I would have checked into piggy-backing

with the City of Camarillo on our tree and street maintenance programs. I would have expended the time and energy necessary to cut all waste out of the Budget.

**III. What is your plan for the future of Leisure Village?**

When I was on previous Boards, we looked and found ways to generate income by using the Merit System rather than automatic increases, saving \$210,000 annually. (That system is still in use.) We established the Purchase Research Committee that saved over \$200,000 in three years by using an open bidding process. Open bidding is used in all successful businesses and must be re-instituted here. We changed the flood map for the Village and saved another \$188,000 annually. We need to continue upgrading our property values, but it must be with a tighter hand

## LV ACTIVITIES

Past President, Vice President Board of Directors, 1993-97. Served on Insurance and Security and Safety Committees. Board Liaison to Insurance, Purchase Research, Education and Recreation Committees; served as a member and Head of Nominating Committee. President Women's Golf Club (8 yrs.), 3rd VP Women's Club (Trading Post 10 years), Camarillo City of Hope, Players Guild, Showtime and Concerned Homeowners Club.

Villages need to be replaced with colorful plants and shrubs that do not require trimming, saving time and money. I endorse openness in communications between the Board and Homeowners because secrecy breeds distrust. I would solicit ideas from Homeowners and other Board members.

**Work or Profession:** Employed by U.S. Government and retired as GS-12 Program Analysis Officer. My office was in charge of a budget of approximately \$25 to \$30 million a year.

**Education:** High school graduate, maintain certifications in many financial and administrative government classes throughout my 27 years as a government employee.

**Address:** 7125 Village 7.

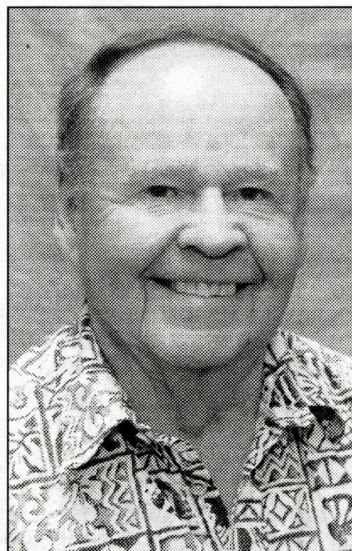
**Length of residency:** 18 years as of April 1987.

and a tighter budget. The planter beds in the older

# Robert E. Gibson, 3-year Leisure Village resident

**I. Why do you support or oppose the recent rate increase?**

The Board's effort to justify high maintenance fees was severely lacking. The 17.404 percent increase was a surprise to most homeowners. Proposed expenditures including payroll, landscape management, education money for employees, a \$25,000 increase in Labor Management fees and start-up money for gifts were not explained. The \$150,000 set aside for Annex reconfiguration seems to be in limbo. No one would have voted for the Annex rebuilding if we had known that a 17.404 percent increase in maintenance fees was in the offing. Budget money requirements have skyrocketed and are out of control.



Robert E. Gibson

**II. How would you resolve the issues that led to the increase?**

Homeowners were not able to address their positions concerning high value items being introduced by

the Board. The Board accomplished their budget process in Executive Session, which is against the rules of the Davis-Stirling Act (the same Act that was used as a reason for upping — from 7.5 percent to 17.404 percent — the increase in last year's maintenance fees.) The Budget must be finalized in an Open or Working Board meeting. That is the law. No priorities were established for accomplishment of tasks. Some could be held on the back burner while others could be moved forward.

**III. What is your plan for the future of Leisure Village?**

We must insure that our problems or disagreements stay in-house. Any derogatory happenings that are

## LV ACTIVITIES

Emergency Services Organization, Village 7 coordinator; Players Guild; Weight Room.

unit has one vote and each owner must be heard. It is everyone's duty to keep Leisure Village the best place to call home.

**Work or profession:** U.S. Marine Corps, 31 years, attaining the grade of Colonel (O-6) and Education (teaching and administration at Chicago University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and University of Hawaii).

**Education:** Bachelor of science, U.S. Naval Academy, and master's in management, U.S. Naval Postgraduate School and various mid- and high-level military institutes.

**Address:** 7103 Village 7.

**Length of residence:** 3 years, 9 months.

leaked to outsiders reflect unrest by homeowners, which drives our property values down. Reclaimed water for use outside the house is a necessity or we will cost ourselves out of green belt existence by excessive use of potable water. Secrecy between association members and the Board must be eliminated. Open communication is our only option and is the only viable alternative for this village. All homeowners must take an active interest in "what goes on." Each



# Ethel Ann Pemberton, 8-year resident

**I. Why do you support or oppose the recent rate increase?**

I'm against the 17.4 percent increase. It's an excessive increase in one year and not in the best interests of Homeowners. I'm all for maintaining and improving our property, but I believe we must weigh what actually needs to be done with the sacrifices Homeowners will be forced to suffer. Street maintenance, roofs and painting are under control. Those items enhance the Village and boost property values. The lawns have improved since the rains, yet we are locked into a 3-year, \$1.5 million spraying contract for minimal weeds and minimal grass growth. Salaries should be increased gradually over several years. The only employees consistently leaving are Security Department employees where salary is not the motivator — advancement to the Police Department and Sheriff's Department is. This Board hasn't justified



Ethel Ann Pemberton

the increase nor explained why it takes over \$8 million to operate a village of 2,136 homes.

**II. How would you resolve the issues that led to the increase?**

Leisure Village is a business and should be run as a business. An open bidding process should be instituted to compare apples with apples. Competition reduces costs. I would not sign a \$1.5 million contract with a company that failed us

twice before. I would utilize the Purchase Research Committee for purchases over \$3,000. I would require each department to cut back a percentage of their budgets rather than force Homeowners to cut their budgets.

**III. What is your plan for the future of Leisure Village?**

To enhance, maintain, and keep the Village affordable; communicate and respond to Villagers; hold public forums to enlighten Villagers; seek ways to sustain a smaller budget by hiring retired policemen and professionals not looking for advancement; utilize committees; hire attorneys strictly for obeying laws — not looking to evade laws. I want to work with a new board with new ideas for new money who will take a common-sense approach to decision-making and operate the Village as a business.

**Work or Profession:** I worked in law office management, as a court-

## LV ACTIVITIES

Past member of L.V. Board, served as Secretary and Vice-President; liaison to Insurance Committee and Building & Grounds Committee; Past President and now Publicity Chair of the Concerned Homeowners Club; member of Women's Club and Showtyme.

appointed administrator of probate estates, and as a paralegal for approximately 30 years. I'm now enjoying a second career as a published author/humorist.

**Education:** I graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in English Literature from Cal State Northridge.

**Address:** 37126 Village 37

**Length of residency:** 8.5 years.

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and rumors, how to ferret out which candidates tell us the truth.

On the matter of the 17.4 percent increase in assessments, we agree that, despite some arguable elements, it probably is the best way to get the necessary job done.

A number of residents disagree.

Some want the assessment rolled back; others support getting a bank loan; while still others think a one-time assessment could solve those problems.

Each side has strong positions, historic precedents, and passions to fuel its arguments.

Here are some points we think might help you better understand our stand on the issue.

• Marilyn Holthouse's brief but telling little history of our Village shows clearly that Board after Board contributes to what is a now all-too-familiar see-saw process of budgeting. It is bad policy, not good for a family budget and potentially disastrous for a community this large. Because political leadership, from Washington to Sacramento, seems trapped by such apparent economic mindlessness, we do not have to accept the same thing.

• While anybody can fine-tune any budget and select examples of some "fat," by and large we believe that the 2005-06 budget is closer to satisfying our real needs. We also believe it has been properly vetted, audited and processed past enough

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# Myron 'Mike' Shapiro, 16-year resident

**I. Why do you support or oppose the recent rate increase?**

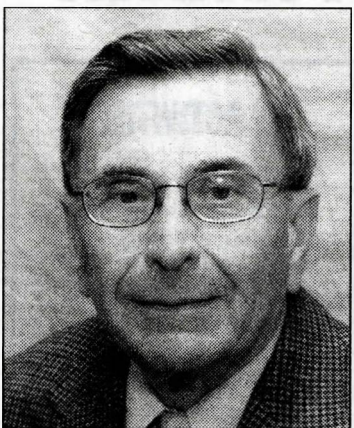
I was the only director to vote against the 17.4 percent increase. I am still against the 17.4 percent increase as it is unnecessary, it is outrageous and it hurts many longtime residents.

**II. How would you resolve the issues that led to the increase?**

By electing a board that has the experience and willingness to review our budget for areas to reduce our 17.4 percent assessment, concentrating on the following three items:

- The three-year contract with Lawnscap Corp. What a waste of precious funds to first fertilize and seed our green space and then dig up these same areas in order to install our reclaimed water lines.

- The savings from reclaimed water is estimated at \$500,000. The utiliza-



Myron 'Mike' Shapiro

tion of the savings on reclaimed water could finance many needed projects instead of just increasing our assessment by double digits.

- Meet with the City of Camarillo and learn how Camarillo is able to operate and save big bucks for the taxpayers living in Camarillo, and to institute ideas from our city that save labor costs and utilize

competitive bidding to lower the cost of all contracts.

**III. What is your plan for the future of Leisure Village?**

My plans are to keep our village looking beautiful and well maintained; to make sure that we continue or increase the activities for our residents' enjoyment; to continue to protect and enhance our home values; to change our direction and make the village more friendly and affordable; to make sure that Leisure Village continues to be the premiere retirement community in the United States.

**Work or profession:** 30 years as an executive with Macy Corp. and SCOA Ind., and, for over 20 years, managing director of diversified multistate operations.

**Education:** Graduate of New York University, graduate of executive training at Macy Corp., placing first; business degree at Pierce,

## LV ACTIVITIES

I have served on the Board of Directors for 6 years, 4 as treasurer and 2 as Secretary. I am a former member of the Finance, Purchase Research, Emergency Service and Transportation Committees. Currently I am a member and performer for the Player's Guild, the Women's, Farmers, Paddle Tennis, New York, Concerned Homeowners Clubs and a member of the July 4 celebration committee.

Northridge and Ventura Colleges.

**Address:** 31205, Village 31.

**Length of residency:** 16 years.



# Gene Valentino, nearly 2-year resident

**I. Why do you support or oppose the recent rate increase?**

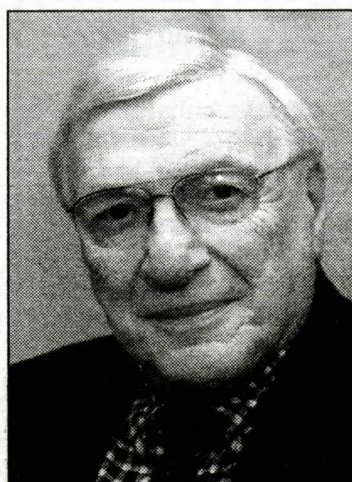
Neither. The present dilemma is the result of previous neglect and omission. Unless it was borne of illegal practice and/or fraud, it must be paid. If it's the product of illegalities, litigation must be pursued. That's the sole resolution to this insoluble mess.

Meanwhile, the Village must see means of "making money" by utilizing existing potentials for revenue.

**II. How would you resolve the issues that led to the increase?**

If there's no evidence of corruption, you've got to pay it and move on. You can't beat a dead horse.

The new board must adopt practices of austerity in its expenditures. We need to be more aware of homeowners' ability to pay for the services we require and balance the two.



Gene Valentino

Most important, we must take a hard look at means of increasing revenue without raising homeowners' fees. Those opportunities do exist.

Leisure Village has more media than the city it's a part of. Unfortunately, neither utilizes the potential.

Of course, the current fiscal problem is of prime importance, but it's also important to harness potential sources of income cur-

rently ignored.

After direly-needed improvements are made on Channel 25, we could "make money" if we sold "advertising." The new board decides. There's more.

Our Village Voice has a guaranteed circulation of over 2,000 homes — yet, no advertising. Still the same mimeographed pages stapled together as it was in 1973 when it was a weekly.

There also was the Pleasant Valley Villager (1973), everyone's community newspaper. It's gone.

Yes, we do have Inside Leisure Village, but the advertising revenue goes outside our Village. Why? It's independent! Isn't that preposterous?

Whoever you vote for, make darn sure they promise to support and update our own media and make it income-producing. Channel 25 must be commercial, as well as our Village Voice. Advertisers could buy either or both. We'll make money

## LV ACTIVITIES

Players Guild,  
Channel 25 committee.

— and anguish less over the 17.4 percent hike.

**III. What is your plan for the future of Leisure Village?**

Improve and renew the outdated where there is a need, but change nothing that's basic to our reason for being here.

**Work or Profession:**  
Broadcasting, voiceover talent.

**Education:** Adequate to the task.

**Address:** 15415 Village 15.

**Length of residency:**  
Almost two years.

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eyes and good brains to get the Village into a position from which its value can be at least maintained and, at best, increased.

• Finally, despite the annual budget flip-flopping, we have a solid economic base, a total worth of three-quarters of a billion dollars and no debt. We believe that's the way it should be and that our Board should do all that it can to maintain those facts.

As to the other issues we mentioned, the personalities and past actions, rumors and innuendos, we are seeing and hearing the kinds of matters that muddy the political waters and risk drowning the truth by election day.

In the face of that, as newspaper editors, we are damned if we do and damned if we don't.

We choose the damnation of "don't." We choose not to print several items that have been given to us that favor or attack some candidates and, in one case, involves potentially serious charges that may well lead to an investigation.

We want those who are in possession of critical but as yet unsubstantiated facts, to feel the need, the responsibility, eventually, to make them public, perhaps before we vote, so that we all may know what is and what is not the truth to what some are now passing off as "merely rumors."

Again, as with all elections, we are reminded that democracy begins and ends with each one of us.

Vote!

— Gerry Levenfeld,  
Joseph Benti

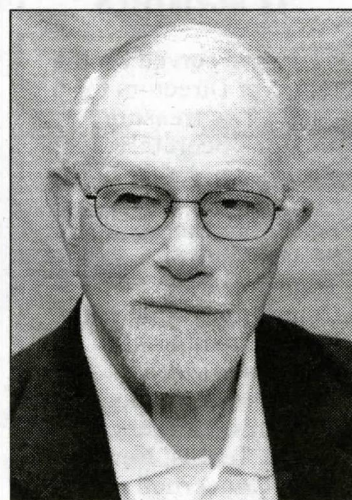
# Philip B. Woodward, 8-year LV resident

**I. Why do you support or oppose the recent rate increase?**

I support it. Neglect of maintenance can only result in property deterioration and decreasing of home values. We really have to face up to the fact that essential maintenance is for the welfare of the Village. People buy here because of what the Village has to offer, its appearance and as an investment.

**II. How would you resolve the issues that led to the increase?**

I would review the contracts in order to determine if any changes could result in savings. However, I would not want to lengthen the completion time for budgeted road repairs and grounds improvements that have



Philip B. Woodward

already been scheduled and agreed upon. We can't "undo," but we can go forward. I would place a high emphasis on maintaining property values, proper economical control of maintenance, while keeping control of assessments as a high

priority.

**III. What is your plan for the future of Leisure Village?**

I'll endeavor to maintain or improve the quality of life in Leisure Village. I will place a high priority on maintaining or improving property values and continually strive to make Leisure Village a pleasant, enjoyable and desirable place to live.

**Work or Profession:**  
Engineer and computer programming

**Education:** BS degree in engineering from Drexel University, Philadelphia; MS degree in engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, NJ. Specialized courses in computer programming, contract negotiations, account-

## LV ACTIVITIES

Presently  
Handicap Chairman  
of Leisure Village  
Men's Golf  
Association; Past  
Telephone  
Committee  
Chairman, two years,  
Leisure Village Men's  
Golf Association;  
member, Leisure  
Village Concerned  
Homeowners Club.

ing, management, communication and robotics.

**Address:** 7130 Village 7

**Length of residence:**  
November 1977



# R. Carol Sweeney-Zimmet, 10-year LV resident

## I. Why do you support or oppose the recent rate increase?

Why I support the recent rate increase:

- The Village has been neglected and maintenance and upkeep need to be restored.

- Streets need to be fixed because they have been neglected and are unsightly and the potholes cause them to be dangerous.

- Roof replacement, painting, street repair and tree maintenance must be continued on schedule.

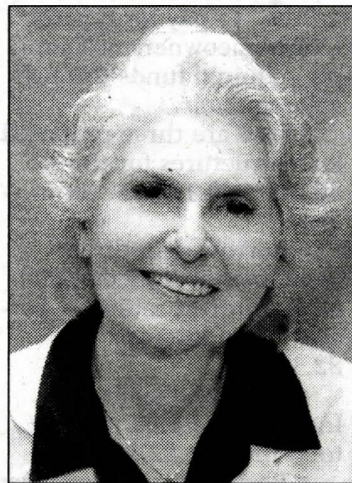
- Trained staff needs to be retained; training new employees is costly.

- Lawns must have the weeds and unsightly grasses eliminated to restore their beauty.

- Trees that have become too tall and roots that are above ground level are dangerous and must be pruned or removed for the safety of Villagers and value to their property.

## II. How would you resolve the issues that led to the increase?

- Develop policies with Board Members to ensure that the maintenance and



R. Carol Sweeney-Zimmet

operation of the Village will never again be neglected.

- Ensure that the funding for maintenance and operation is adequate to continue day-to-day requirements as well as meet emerging and unanticipated needs of the Village.

- Monitor expenditures, with the Finance Committee, to ensure that expenses are within those budgeted.

## III. What is your plan for the future of Leisure Village?

- Work with Board

Members to address the needs and concerns of Homeowners and implement changes that benefit their well-being.

- Develop strategies with the General Manager so that homeowners as well as employees enjoy a positive atmosphere.

- Supervise the General Manager to ensure that deadlines are met, staff is responsive to Homeowners, and expenditures are justified.

- Monitor the bidding process to determine which items should be referred to the Purchase Research Committee.

- Ensure that bids are responsive to the needs of the Village.

## Work or Profession:

Chairperson and Professor, Administration and Counseling, California State University, Los Angeles (Cal State LA). Responsible for budget, including costs for faculty, staff and related expenses. Taught Decision Making, Conflict Resolution, Leadership, Counseling Older Adults, Research. Classified Training Officer, Los Angeles Unified School

## LV ACTIVITIES

Board Member 2001-2003. President 2002-2003. Instrumental in passing two CC&R changes. One codified the requirements of the Patio Enclosures, thus ensuring that the standards of the Village be upheld. The second relieved the Association of having to repair damages caused by homeowners, including interiors of homes, slab leaks and garage doors, resulting in an annual savings of \$90,000, \$360,000 thus far.

Member Education and Recreation Committee 6 years; Member Ad Hoc Corporate Governing Committee; Member Your Neighbor Care Group; co-founder Single Active Seniors; Member New York Club, Showtime, Players Guild, Concerned Homeowners. Conducted workshops in Interpersonal Communication and Dealing with Difficult People for residents of the Village.

District. Designed, developed, and coordinated workshops throughout the district, supervised staff, responsible for budget.

**Education:** Ph.D. Education, Claremont Graduate University; Master's in Counseling and Marriage and Family and Child Counseling, California State University, Los

Angeles (Cal State LA); Master's in School Business Management, Bachelor of Science, School Business Management, Pepperdine University.

**Address:** 14111 Village 15

**Length of residency:** 10 years in June.

## Gentle reminder to slow down

By Joseph Benti

Those little roadside radar screens facing Village drivers here and there on our two main streets are called SpeedMinders. They are the latest additions to the never-ending effort to keep local and visiting motorists within the 25 mph posted limits.

The screens, which cost \$1,500 apiece, are a less jarring alternative to speed bumps in the arsenal of weapons that are being used in what those in traffic control officers (read speed control) refer to as "traffic calming."

Despite our image as a slower-paced community, we put the pedal to the metal with as much determination as drivers any-



Two SpeedMinders are being used in the Village.

where else. Those who doubt that need only casually stroll our two major streets to discover that the legendary "Leadfoot" is alive and well here, even when long past safe driving skills.

The radar-based SpeedMinder is designed to show us that we are being monitored and to slow us

down. The device registers individual speeds, the average speed of all the vehicles and counts the traffic and the number of violators — all information that Village Security can use to better enforce the speed limits.

No, they do not give tickets, but when they flash red, that should remind us how to keep from getting one.

## You earned your right to vote, you earned integrity; take advantage of both

There is a very important event coming up in June! It is an election. This election will determine the future of our way of life in Leisure Village.

There are a number of candidates running for three seats on the Board of Directors. This is the majority, and they will determine the fiscal course for the Village over the next several years.

You must decide and think about what each candidate stands for and how this will affect the Village over the next several years.

There are rumors and outright lies being disseminated throughout the Village. These are your

friends and neighbors who are running. Do not lower yourself to decide your vote based upon rumors and half truths.

Decide your vote upon the issues, and do not question the integrity of the candidates or let personal attacks decide your vote.

Your vote is your birthright. You have earned this right by working hard through the years and moving into the Village to enjoy the remainder of your life.

Your integrity is one thing that nobody can take away from you. Cherish this and live accordingly. Do not let the Village destroy itself from within.



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the best interests of the Association in making Village decisions. Many new move-ins are moving or planning to move. If this continues, prices of our homes will drop drastically, to the detriment of the Homeowners and the Association.

The Streets 5010 Account in the 2005-06 Budget states that "a sufficient amount has been allocated to maintain streets, RV lot, all parking lots and all concrete in accordance with the Board's consultant's five-year street rehabilitation plan," although we aren't informed what year the plan is in. So, why all the emphasis about the sorry state of our streets in justifying the 17.404 percent increase?

The Board should implement ways to save money, such as piggy-backing contracts with the City of Camarillo. Once large equipment is moved into the area for city street repair projects, that equipment should be utilized instead of returning it and hauling it back again for additional costs.

This huge, unjustified assessment increase will never go away because compounding is at work and will forever be part of every subsequent increased assessment. That's why modest increases are palatable. This one is not!

— Ed Olson, V. 33

The present Board allows three minutes to address them at an Open Board meeting. There's an indication that if one Director is

re-elected, he'll push for five. But there's a way to beat even that — by a mile!

Just write a letter to a Board Member to have it read aloud. One smart Villager did that, sending it to Director Harold Goldwasser. His uninformative, long and very preachy letter was then read aloud, without pause, for 8 minutes. That's almost as much time as would be allowed three speakers. Makes the rest of us look pretty dumb.

I suggest the Board needs to extend its time limit rule to its members. (It would also help cut meeting time if some of the committee heads would, privately, be admonished to confine their reports to reporting and not include speeches and suggesting how we should conduct ourselves in areas outside their purview.)

— Bob Bond, V. 37

There's no need to borrow \$6,000,000 to pay for repairs. LVA homeowners will supply required funds through assessments.

There are three proposed loan structures for the \$6,000,000 10-year term loan.

- Borrowed in three installments of \$2,000,000 each. Interest rate 6.89 percent, total interest \$2,105,032.

- Borrowed all at once. Interest rate 6.71 percent, total interest \$2,290,813.

- Borrowed over two-year period. Interest rate 7.12 percent, total interest \$2,496,262.

Lender places restrictions on directors to perform duties.

Borrower must pay all expenses occurred by lender and borrower.

Doubtful that interest expense is deductible.

Principal and interest liability shown on balance sheet will be discouraging to potential buyers.

Let's do the repair ourselves without outside help and interference.

— Selma & Aaron Weiss, V. 42

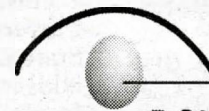
I want people to know that I had also submitted my previous letter to the Board of Directors of LV and have been informed that they have no interest in creating a parking fee for the RV lot.

I was very disappointed that they didn't study the subject and rejected my idea without explanation.

I wish to add a few facts I learned after my first letter was published:

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## Paul J. Dougherty, M.D. Cataract Surgeon



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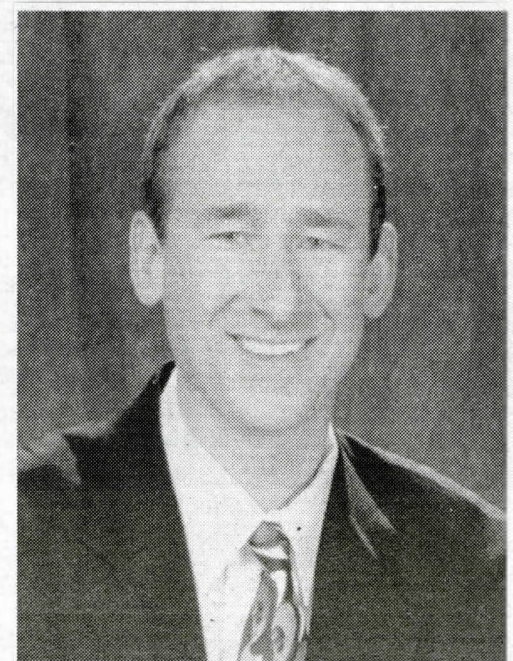
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- UCLA Clinical Faculty



Paul J. Dougherty, M.D.



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- There are six people who use two spots each in the RV parking lot.
- There are seven people who use three spots each in the RV parking lot.

I need to hear from other same-minded residents how to make LV a better place to live..

Why should a small proportion of residents benefit while, according to our Board, LV desperately needs more money from all its residents to maintain financial health?

Help wanted!

— Al Budoff, V. 33

I read with interest Mr. Budoff's letter in the Village Voice. His idea of charging rent for RV parking is a grand idea! Let's take it a few steps further.

The beautiful 18-hole golf course at Leisure Village is a veritable gold mine! We could charge at least \$200 per month for green fees. Walk-on golfers would pay \$25 per round, which doesn't seem unreasonable compared to outside facilities.

Then, the swimming pool and tennis courts could easily support a \$10 fee for each use. We could set it up where the TV station would cost each resident a set fee. The wood shop, ceramics shop, weight room, pool room could easily support a user fee. We can even charge 50 cents for each copy of the Village Voice.

Another big source of potential revenue is safety/security. Anyone calling 911 should be assessed a \$50 up-front fee. If an ambulance or fire truck is involved, let's up it to \$300 per event, which is cheap compared to what someone might expect to pay if they lived outside the gate.

I could go on, but I hope I have made my point. We live in a very nice complex where there are a multitude of services and things you can take advantage of if you like. I personally appreciate

this, even though I don't take advantage of all that's offered.

We should all support saving money, but Mr. Budoff's suggestion to single out one area is, in my estimation, short-sighted and very parochial. Whether or not other like facilities charge for RV parking is totally irrelevant.

— Allan Prevette, V. 3

We moved in to Leisure Village in January and are enjoying our new community and neighbors.

When we ordered our phone number from Verizon, we were offered a few choices but weren't told who used them previously.

Alas, the number we chose belonged to a business that is no longer in operation — the Santa Rosa Pharmacy. But the phone companies had not removed it from their information databases. Old phone books and the Internet still listed the business with our number. Doctors offices have the number in their systems. And, most widespread, every old medicine bottle has the number. The state of California has called, and the Girl Scouts wanted to set up a table outside the business.

So please, help us out. If you need medication don't rely on an out-of-date phone number to a no-longer-in-existence pharmacy. Spread the word among your friends and doctors. Please help out your harassed new neighbors.

— Tom & Rosalie Siebert, V. 22

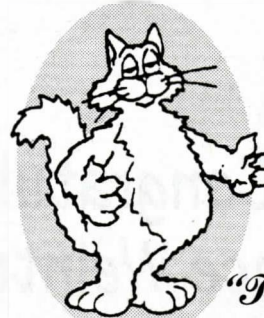
In 31 days, telemarketers will be calling us on our cell phones, and we will be charged. I checked this out with Sprint and it is not a scam.

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— Flo Doctrow, V. 7

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Check with Southern California Edison about the refrigerator recycling program.

For ways to assist you in making a difference that gets your home sold, call The Fox Team of Al, Cindy & Nancy and their Team Mates - Peggy, Paul, Edith, Todd, Kathy & Robert.. Our Broker's assistant, Leeta & administrative staff, Jennifer are also available to help you with a variety of needs.

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TO: Our Friends and  
FROM: Al Fox, The Fox Team  
SUBJECT: What is a Clean Contract?

Real estate agents often talk about the most important part of a purchase offer, is simple and straightforward contingencies, restrictions and conditions.

A contingency in a real estate purchase is a condition that must be met for the sale to go through. Contingencies protect buyers and sellers from real estate transactions to fall apart.

For example, the buyers may need to sell a house before they can buy the new house. Other common contingencies are for inspection (like attorneys or accountants).

Less common contingencies are sometimes used to protect the buyer. For example, a buyer might want to buy a property if they can modify it, or they might need city approval to run a day-care center.

Seller contingencies can also complicate a sale. For example, a seller might need to settle an estate or require court approval to sell the house is theirs until the sale is confirmed.

Given the emotional nature of home buying, a clean contract is the cleanest contract possible. Buyers often shy away from contingencies, but they are complicating factors affecting the sale, like a buyer's need to sell a house or a seller's need to settle an estate. If a buyer rejects an offer it's contingent on the sale, the uncertainty is high.

Being able to offer a clean contract may give you an edge over other sellers. This is particularly so if you find yourself in a seller's market. Put yourself in the seller's shoes. The fewer contingencies, the better. It has a lot to do with going through. The more contingencies, the more something to go wrong.

FIRST-TIME TIP: Even though a clean contract is the cleanest contract possible, delete contingencies from your offer if, in fact, you can't close the sale.

For example, if you need to line up a mortgage, delete the mortgage contingency. If you write your offer without a mortgage contingency, you don't need to deposit money if you can't get the loan.

Rather than giving up the contingencies you need, satisfy these contingencies as much as possible within the days following acceptance. If you can shorten the time to close, you have a solid deal that much sooner.

In order to shorten a financing contingency, get pre-approved for the loan they need. To get pre-approved, you need documentation such as verifications of employment and income. Then the lender gives you loan approval.

Buyers who aren't pre-approved when they submit a loan application within a day or so of acceptance.

THE CLOSING: To make a clean offer, get pre-approved for the loan they need. Then the lender gives you loan approval.

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### Neighbors Real Estate Team Contract?

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Call Cindy Fox for more information, ext 31

## Shopping List



### Get ingredients for Santa Fe Chicken Burritos

- 1 onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1 cooked chicken, skinned, de-boned, shredded
- 6 oz red chili salsa
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 12 8" flour tortillas
- 1 & 1/2 cups Monterey Jack cheese, shredded
- 4 cups lettuce, shredded
- 2 tomatoes, diced

Sauté onion in butter until transparent. Mix in chicken and stir-fry for 5 min. Combine with salsa and simmer for 5 more minutes. Layer onto center of flour tortillas: 1/3 cup meat, 2 tablespoons cheese, 1/3 cup lettuce and 2 tablespoons tomatoes. Fold ends in, then roll up burrito. Top as desired. Makes 12 burritos.

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# Showtyme brings Vaudeville show to LV on August 7

Sunday, August 7, at 2 p.m., the Village AR will become a Vaudeville House as Showtyme presents the comedic talents of Eric Leviton and Michael Kostroff in a rollicking, fun-filled reminder of where much of America's humor was born in "A Little Traveling Music."

Supported by the talents of singer/performer/pianist Mary Van Arsdell, a Broadway ingenue with many stage credits, including most recently, "The Producers," this promises to be one of the most enjoyable shows to, literally, "trod the boards" in the Rec Hall.

Showtyme President Jim Brown promises, "After a surprise beginning, the show gains momentum with the appearance of its stars, Leviton and Kostroff, two of the newest Broadway comedic talents doing their schtick, songs and dances, and some of the most enjoyable Vaudeville-related performances you will see on any stage. It's all backed by some of the greatest music ever composed for Broadway, from the likes of Noel Coward, Cole Porter, George and Ira Gershwin, and many, many more."

Brown expressed concern that Villagers and, especially Showtyme members, are not turning out in sufficient numbers to justify the quality of entertainment his organization is striving to present.

Expressing dismay that nearly half as many people turned out for the last show, "Eddie Carroll's Jack Benny," Brown said, "it's obvious that you cannot continue these excellent shows unless they are supported."

He noted, "If every Showtyme member bought a ticket, we would sell out every time."

And Brown took pains to

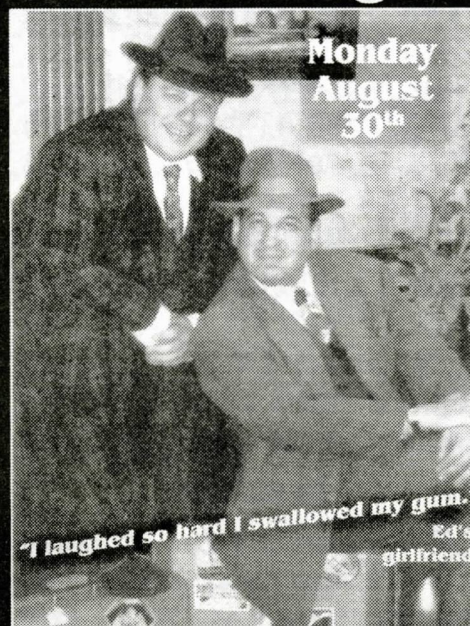
assure all residents that, "I would not bring a show to the Village without first knowing that it is of the quality that we have had in the past. Leisure Village is indeed a sophisticated and critical audience, and they deserve the best and they shall have the best we can afford, and at the same prices."

Brown believes that Leviton and Kostroff's "A Little Traveling Music," Vaudeville Revue will truly re-create, "those grand days when you paid your price and were gloriously entertained — a remarkable history that we will be able to encounter again at 2 p.m., August 7."

Tickets are \$15 for members and \$18 for non-members, and sales begin in the Lanai Room, Monday and Tuesday, June 27 and 28, from 9 to 11 a.m. Ticket sales continue on Wednesday, June 29, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Sun Room.

Telephone reservations can be made after 9 a.m. with Roz Feldman at 382-6566.

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## MOJAVE

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years. Off the desert, he is a plumbing manufacturer's rep in the Oxnard Home Depot store, maintaining and servicing stock and displays.

Though he enjoys Leisure Village, his perfect retirement location would be Randsburg, population about 700, some 45 miles north-northeast of the town of Mojave.

Why?

"Because I could drive off-road every day and never get tired of it."

## LETTERS

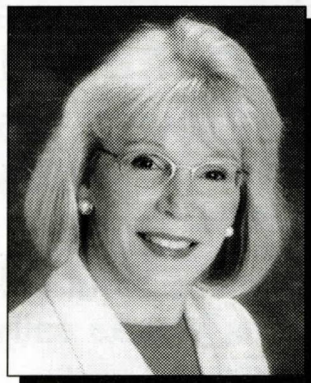
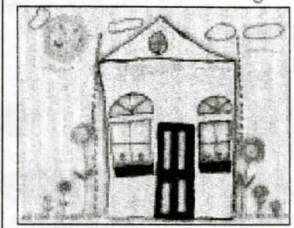
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We would like to thank you for your outpouring of support after the passing of Victor Pergament, husband of Hilda Pergament, V. 25, and father of Harriet Lit, V. 8. You have brought us much comfort.

Victor and Hilda lived in Village 11 prior to his move to Mali's Place, where he received loving and gentle care. Victor performed on stage in the Village with Hilda in "The Gin Game." Although he was a retired chiropractor, the theater was his first love.

— Harriet Lit, V. 8

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*Thank you, Leisure Village*



## CONTINUATIONS

### ECONOMY

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that they buy the argument that tighter-fisted budget controls and certain policy changes could save enough money to make an appreciable dent in the increase. Nobody seems to believe the increase can be eliminated, just pared back, at least enough to make it more palatable.

In politics, even politics in this little community, with no more than 2,136 eligible voters, tax increases, (an assessment by any other name, eh?) can be poison.

Those who vote for or support such increases operate on the assumption that the people (you and me) can be trusted to ferret out the truth and base our votes on what we find.

That's where the "history" can shed some light.

To be fair, this article will steer clear of naming names — all a reader has to do is buy the booklet or read the copy in the library to see the names for themselves.

The focus here is just on budgets and increases and decreases.

We have come a long way from 1974, when approximately \$420,000 was allocated for the first year's budget, to be followed in 1975 by the first assessment increase, 1.9 percent.

And that's the way it went for the next 20 years, increase after increase, as Leisure Village grew from approximately 100 living units to its present 2,136, from a couple of hundred residents to some 3,500 owners and renters, the latter numbering about 18 percent of the units.

The 1995 budget was the first to show no assessment increase. Then, that was followed by two years of

reductions in assessments; however, following the 1994 Northridge earthquake, there had to be a special assessment.

1995 is also the year when the budget began its now familiar ups and downs: three years (1995, 1996 and 1997) showing no increase and two actual reductions, only to be followed by three years of steeper and steeper increases.

After an 11.5 percent increase in 2000-01, there were sharp cuts averaging only 2 percent increases in the budgets of 2001-02 and 2002-03.

Then, the predictable jumps seemed inevitable, starting with 6.3 percent for 2003-04, and a special assessment, all of which led to our present increase of 17.4 percent.

Some of the candidates now running for the three Board seats were on those Boards that went through those roller-coaster rides — and it seems that they not only are best qualified to explain what seems to be an endemic problem in our budgeting, but that they would now offer real workable solutions for the next budget considerations.

There is another powerful economic fact that emerges from the thin little history of our Village: Not all increases are bad.

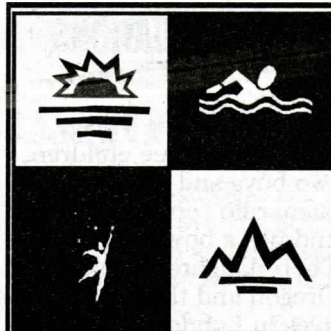
We have all heard the moans and groans that the recent increase provoked.

But few, if any, went on to sing the praises of the biggest increase of all, the massive jump in the value of our property.

It is fitting that I use my own situation to illustrate the point.

Some 30 years ago, the house I live in, an El Dorado, appears to have been the most expensive

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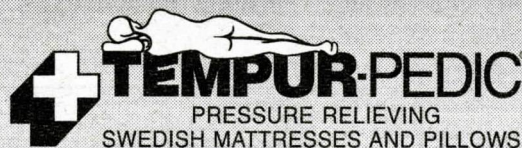
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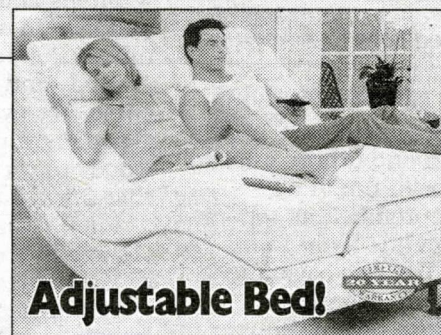
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## DOLLY

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reflect on how gracefully she distributed her calling cards. Would you have known what the gloves were hiding? Probably more dramatic is the fact that she doesn't let any of these "infirmities" keep her down.

Marilyn described how she prepared for the role. She had to let her hair grow and color it deep brown, which was her natural color before Mother Nature got involved.

Learning her lines was not always easy. But with the same dedication she brought to the Wicked Witch of the West, she memorized pages and pages of lines, in addition to the

songs. She had never sung a solo before, yet carried it off with confidence. She attributes some of the success to the fact that she has an ear for music, which was made evident in her performance. This is one talented lady.

Marilyn brought that same intensity as she read the Bible passages for her church in Mission Viejo before moving here. Other members asked her to do the readings because of all the emotion she brought to the passages.

Marilyn and Joe have lived in the Village for almost two years. They love it here. Their son and daughter-in-law, who live nearby, have a beautiful beach house in Solimar Beach, which they enjoy, but they don't mind at all

returning to the Village. They have three children, two boys and a girl. The Camarillo son lives nearby and has a boy and girl. Their daughter lives in Oregon and the younger son lives in London. He and his wife surprised her by flying in for the Sunday performance to join the entire family.

Marilyn describes moving to the Village as the best move they could have made. Last summer, she joined with a group in Village 30 to plan a picnic for everyone. It had never been done before. Her responsibility was entertainment, and she designed the mixer, and soon all of the Villagers were participating. You can just picture her leading the activity!

## ECONOMY

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model offered in the first phase of development, selling for \$38,990. The least expensive was the Balboa, at \$24,990.

These days, all the real estate claims regarding sales which, one assumes, are based on officially recorded documents, indicate that my little El Dorado is worth, conservatively, about 25 percent more than when I bought it less than two years ago, and a whopping 1,000 percent, give or take, since it was first purchased.

For us, that means we could sell our house and walk away with a profit of at least \$80,000. Not bad for less than two years work — and few improvements

And, if that's true for us, then there are residents — maybe some of those moaning the loudest about the assessment increases — who are sitting on little gold

mines.

Granted, none of us wants to see the prices of our residences drop back to what they were in the good old days. But nobody believes the real estate bubble can continue to expand.

Perhaps we should all bear in mind that the increasing value of our property is not because we are smart or sharp, or that we have "done something right," other than buy at the right time.

It is just another illustration of the timeless law of economics preached most succinctly by the late Will Rogers, who observed an eternal truth when he said, "Buy land, 'cuz they ain't makin' it anymore."

To which one might add a Leisure Village lesson: Don't expect to benefit from inflationary pressures and a constantly falling value of the dollar without paying higher prices for everything, including maintaining our property at its inflated value.

## D-DAY

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tunate, suffering casualties as some missed safe, grassy landings and others were hit by German fire."

In September, as reported by Cornelius Ryan in his "A Bridge Too Far," also made into a film, the Allies planned to take a number of bridges in Holland to pave the way for a complete victory in Europe by Christmas.

Again, Bob was ferrying in paratroopers and came under heavy flak from German anti-aircraft guns.

"There were nine planes in our squadron," says Bob. "Seven were lost. We saw some of the crew bail out. Some were rescued by the Dutch underground and eventually made their way back to England."

Along with most of the American Forces that December, Bob was in action during the near-disastrous Battle of the Bulge.

Bob recalled the siege of the Belgian town of Bastogne, where U.S. ground forces were encircled by the Germans.

"Two days before Christmas, 1944, we loaded

our plane with food, weapons and ammunition and flew in at tree-top level (about 200 feet off the ground) and dropped our cargo. We even saw some Germans run out from the woods to retrieve supplies that missed their mark."

Finally, the tanks of Gen. George S. Patton's 3rd Army broke the German lines.

Bob recalls that Patton's forces were moving so fast "that his mechanized units were running low on gas. Our plane was filled with five-gallon cans of gasoline, and on several missions we landed on fields or grassy areas to deliver the much-needed fuel."

All told, Captain Bob Vanderhaven flew 35 missions over enemy territory.

Among his many citations is the Air Medal, with four clusters.

After the war, Bob earned

his teaching credentials at the University of Southern California. He began a career in education in the San Fernando Valley, where his skills were soon recognized and he was named an elementary school principal.

During vacations, he and his lovely wife Elaine, sadly, now deceased, traveled from coast to coast and to Canada, filming nature documentaries which were shown in hundreds of schools and here in the Village on a number of occasions.

Bob is often still behind a camera, only these days it is one of Channel 25's video cameras as he covers the Board Meetings and a variety of other events in the AR.

Bob Vanderhaven, truly one of our heroes and a valued volunteer in our Village.



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## CLUB NEWS

### Weight Control

**By Connie Santangelo**

Now is the time to think about losing some weight before summer arrives. It is never too late.

Our Weight Control Club is here to help you lose weight. We meet every Tuesday morning in the Garden Room. Weigh-in is from 8 to 8:30 a.m., then we start our meeting. We have many awards and incentives to help you reach your goal. You supply the motivation.

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

For more information, call Connie at 484-7463.

### Shakespeare Club

**By Anne Shane**

The Shakespeare Club held a lively session watching the closing scenes of "Comedy of Errors" on DVD.

Our next meeting will be held Friday, June 10, at 1 p.m. in the Sun Room. The group chose "Julius Caesar" for our next reading. Reading the play includes listening to an audio and watching the play performed on DVD. Marlon Brando stars in the DVD presentation of "Julius Caesar."

All are welcome, and there are no dues. Call Sheldon Ziff at 388-6453 or Anne Shane at 484-3977.

### L.V. Mens Golf Association

**By Mannie Abbate**

The third week in June will be the club's busiest week this year.

On Tuesday, June 14, we will have our usual Tuesday morning tournament. Come to the First Tee at 7:30 a.m. for coffee, juice and sweet rolls. At 8 a.m. we will have a putting contest with real money and LV Dollars awarded as prizes. This will be the last chance to get LV Dollars to use at the party the next day.

The next day, Wednesday, June 15, we will have the Gala 30th Anniversary Celebration. In addition to the Installation of Officers and Awards Luncheon, we will have the long-awaited auction our new president, Bud Miller, has organized. The AR will be opened about 11:30 a.m. to view the articles available for your bidding. That will be the time to use those LV Dollars you have been accumulating.

There will also be drawings for a multitude of door prizes. Your ticket to the luncheon will have a stub attached that you will retain for the drawing for door prizes.

Wine, beer, soft drinks and snacks will be served during the cocktail hour starting at 11:30 a.m. Luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m. The main course is a choice of pot roast or stuffed chicken breast with all the fixings; dessert; wine, iced tea or coffee; topped off with ice cream sundaes.

This party will be the only one of its kind and surely a most memorable event.

The next day, June 16, we will play regulation golf at River Ridge Golf Course. Fee is \$33, including cart. Watch Channel 25 and the notice board for more information.

Finally, on Friday, June 17, we have a Birthday Dinner Dance in the AR. Paul Eberly was one of the first members of the LVMGA. Paul moved back East a year or so ago because his health was failing. He is now in an assisted living facility there but his thoughts are still here with us in Leisure Village. Paul has very generously arranged for the Men's and Women's Golf Clubs to celebrate his next birthday by funding a Dinner Dance in his honor. It will be held in the AR on Friday, June 17, starting around 5 p.m. Tickets will be "on sale" for \$2 each at the first tee on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The \$2 charge is to get your commitment so we know how many people to expect. Paul is picking up the tab for the choice of tri-tip or

chicken with a lot of fixings. We will also have a live band playing dance music, so bring your best gal and BYOB.

On May 5, we played the 2005 Tournament of Champions at Olivas Golf Course. Don Obal is our new Club Champion.

In Flight A, Ron Petersen won Low Net and Curtis Couch was 2nd Low Net. In Flight B, Don Hamilton won Low Gross, Al Schuster won Low Net, and Joe Smith was 2nd Low Net. In C Flight,

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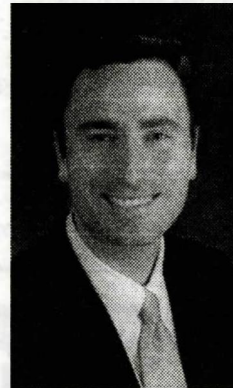
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Ernie Alexander won Low Gross and Bob Zaas won Low Net. Norm Woody was 2nd Low Net.

The winners in the Presidents Cup Tournament were as follows: Flight A, Curtis Couch, 1st place; Mannie Abbate, 2nd place. B Flight, Dan Darocha, 1st place; Jim Brotman, 2nd place. C Flight, Don Schache, 1st place; Bob Zaas, 2nd place. Niners, 1st place, Herb Lippe; 2nd place, Chet DiLallo.

### Concerned Homeowners

By Ethel Ann Pemberton

The Concerned Homeowners Club met on Thursday, May 12, at 6 p.m. in the Assembly Room for an Anniversary Social. Approximately 70 members and guests were treated to delicious finger foods, cake and beverages.

Although candidates had been invited to speak, they were prevented from doing so by the general manager and Board of Directors who quoted SPI 100.014 as the reason. After a short business meeting, candidates were introduced and mingled with the attendees.

The next CHC meeting will be held on June 9 at the regular time of 7:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. Burt Swallow, former Chair of the Architectural Committee, will lead a discussion about the issues facing the Village. Members and guests are invited to attend, and refreshments will be served.

### Single Active Seniors

By Zelda Greentree

Thanks to those of you who have responded to our plea for fresh ideas. How about this? On June 7, let's spark up our usual "News &

Views" with a few hot topics. Everyone will have an opportunity to speak his or her mind on any and every subject we tackle. It's all up to you!

Due to the enormous response to our movie, "Something the Lord Made," we have decided to show it again on Tuesday, June 14, at 7 p.m. in the Annex. This is the true story about two doctors who defied the rules to create a medical revolution by curing the "blue baby" syndrome. This movie won the Emmy for best docu-drama last year. It was shown on HBO.

On our regular movie night, we will have "Phantom of the Opera," also to be shown in the Annex, on June 21.

Game night will take place on June 28. If anyone would like to play bridge, please call 389-9694.

Just in time for summer, we are happy to announce that on July 12, our pro-

gram will be an interesting discussion of cruising — on water, not on Van Nuys Boulevard — by Dave Harris.

Watch Channel 25 and look for our posters for all of our activities. Call Zelda at 389-9694 for more information.

### LV Travel

By Eugene Foxman

Presently on sale at the Travel Office are the following trips:

"Pajama Game" at the Glendale Theater on June 18.

King Tut exhibit at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art on June 24.

Lawry's Restaurant and two IMAX shows on July 20. Pechanga Casino Hotel overnight on July 27-28.

Lake Tahoe and Sacramento on August 8-11. "Camelot," Hollywood Bowl, on August 14.

Sea of Cortez 10-day Mexican Cruise on November 7-17.

Look for our bulletins in the Rec Center and on Channel 25. As always, you can visit the Travel Office, which is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 to 11:45 a.m. The phone number is 482-8062.

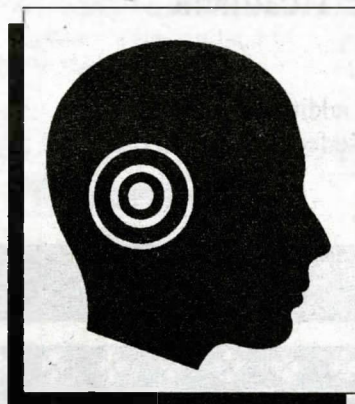
### L.V. Bowling League

By Barbara Humphrey

We've had our last week of bowling for the 2004-2005 season. It's been a good year, although we were all saddened by the death of our league Vice President, Joe Kremer, in April.

New officers for the 2005-2006 season have been elected and are as follows: President, Lloyd Snider; Vice President, Bill Fox; Treasurer, Rosemary Woody; and Secretary, Lucy

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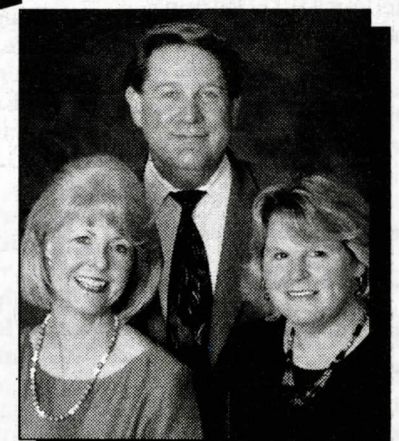


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Fiore.

Our 200-plus bowlers the past few weeks were: Al Schuster, Lloyd Snider, Leonard Belcher, Bill Fox, Les Galvin, Don Laird and Jim Dalton.

Side pot winners were: Betty Herrmann, Mickey Newman, Shirley Heller, Al Schuster, Lucy Fiore, Leonard Belcher, Bo Humphrey, Claudia Roberts, Mary Ahearn, Bill Fox, Joyce Belcher, Harry Lampert, Sandy Rosenthal, Phil Kamens, Gerald Rosen, Les Galvin, Josie Newman and Norm Scanlon.

The Awards Luncheon was held on Friday, May 13. Names added to our perpetual plaque in the trophy case at the Recreation Center were Sue Davanzo for High Game Average Female and Les Galvin for High Game Average Male. Also listed were the names of the first place team, Jim Dalton, Herb Roberts, Lucy Fiore, Sherman Garry, and the 2004-2005 President, Bo Humphrey.

Trophy recipients for the year were Doris Goldman and Jerry Knopf for High Game Handicap Female and Male, and Sonia Hughes and Les Galvin for High Game Scratch Male and Female.

Trophy winners for first place team were Jim Dalton, Herb Roberts, Lucy Fiore and Sherman Garry. Winners for second place team were Jerry Knopf, Nick Fiore, Claudia Roberts and Frank Kisman.

Congratulations to all, and see you in September!

### Keyboard Club

By Bill Marvel

June's Keyboard Club meeting will be in the AR on Friday, June 24. All music lovers are encouraged to attend and to request favorite songs and favorite instruments and favorite performers and combinations of all musicians. The club meeting and performances begin at 1:30 p.m., and refreshments are enjoyed at 3 p.m.

### Racquet Club

By Anne Wolfson

The Racquet Club meets the second Wednesday of the month in the Multi-Purpose Room at 7:30 p.m. All Villagers are invited to come to play tennis, paddle tennis, and table tennis and to come to our lively meetings!

Our dues are \$5 a year, and, if you want to have your name in our book, please get your dues in now! Our treasurer, Kay Bell, will be glad to take your checks or cash.

Our picnic in June will be on Saturday, June 25, at noon in the picnic area. Cost will be \$5 for pizza, cole slaw and drinks. Put it on your calendar now so you won't get left out! Previous tournament winners from tennis, paddle tennis and table tennis, will get lottery tickets at the picnic.

There will be a table tennis tournament on June 24 and a paddle tennis tournament on June 25 before the picnic.

Our guest speaker, Rabbi Morris Rubenstein, kept us in stitches with his very witty stories! We all enjoyed a good laugh.

Macon Epps and his wife, Elizabeth, furnished a delicious cake in honor of their 60th anniversary! Not too many of us can top that!

Remember: August 11 there's a party, and October 23 is the dinner and dance party. The next meeting is June 8.

### Sing-a-long Group

By Jules Nayfack

Longtime residents and newcomers, come join the most congenial, friendliest group of people in the Village. Some sing well, some don't and some don't sing at all. So you see, you can fit in at any level.

If you like having fun, come on down and bring your family, friends and neighbors. Wear your I.D. badge so we all get to know one another. Socializing and music starts at 7 p.m., singing and fun starts at 7:30 p.m. Our next meetings are June 11 and 25.

### Solo Club

By Cleo Cooney

The Solo Club June Potluck Dinner will be held at 6 p.m. on June 10 in the AR. If your last name starts with the letters A-E, bring a salad; F-Q, bring an entree; R-Z, bring a dessert. Visitors are welcome. There will be door prizes.

The Brown Bag Luncheon and business meeting will be in the Sun Room on June 17. Bring your lunch to eat at 12:30; the business meeting will start at 1 p.m.

### Bocce Ball

By Fran Cohen

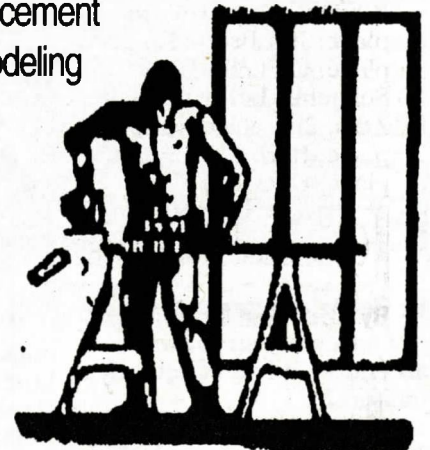
On Friday, May 27, Bocce Club members enjoyed our

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semi-annual Pot Luck Dinner. It was delicious food and good company.

Coming up on June 27 and 28 will be our Annual Bocce Tournament. Come and join us in the fun. And on June 30, we will be having our Annual Picnic.

Don't forget, we're out on the bocce courts on Monday and Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. Join us for fresh air, friendly people and bocce!

### L.V. Womens Golf Association

#### By Roberta Dearmore

Our club year draws to an end with lots of activities in store!

Weekly tournaments are June 8 and 15, capped off with a month-end tournament on June 29.

Following the June 8 tournament is the Board Meeting at 1 p.m., followed by the last General Meeting at 2 p.m.

Regulation golf will be at Buena Ventura.

Our installation luncheon will be June 22 at 12:30 p.m. in the AR. Cost is \$12.

Last of all is the Mixed Tournament on June 26. Women host the 19th Hole Party at 4 p.m. in the AR.

Have a happy summer of golf!

### Channel 25

#### By Jack Whalen

Easily, the most important day for viewing Channel 25 (unless you attend in the AR, and we do suggest that) is the last day of June, Thursday, June 30. Three new Board Members will be elected for two years that day, and since it's the Annual Meeting, all Committee Chairs will give their annual report. It all starts at 10 a.m.

Monday, June 6, will be the June Open Board Meeting live, at 10 a.m. only.

Wednesday, June 8, is the popular "What Was My Line?" sponsored by Milt Mankoff and Co.

Friday, June 10, at 10 a.m. only, will be a repeat of the June Open Board Meeting.

Monday, June 13, is the Lee Edwards "Movie Review," and the afternoon of Tuesday, June 14, at 2 p.m. is the George Huddleston project of showing award-winning former Players Guild programs. The program is "Gigi," and it is a super show.

Wednesday, June 15, at 10 a.m. only, we will repeat "Candidates Night."

Friday, June 17, at 10 a.m. only, is a special Lillian Mankoff presentation,

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Lillian Hawthorne's "Book Review" plays at both 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday, June 20, while on Wednesday, June 22, there will be a special law talk, "Hospital Decisions."

Friday, June 24, both at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., we will show the Players Workshop's, "Those Fabulous Decades," and on Monday, June 27, we will see the Showtyme show of piano/song stylist Lori Donato.

On Wednesday, June 28, will be a repeat of the recycle water program, "Waste Not."

### Woodshop

#### By Martin Alfred

The Woodshop was closed last May 17 and 18 due to the heavy traffic on "Decal Day," but we continue to get a good flow of Villagers with their wood-working problems on other Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Our expert woodworkers are ready and willing for you. For information, call Sid at 482-5341.

### Players Guild

#### By Stan Reshes

The next meeting of the Players Guild on Thursday evening, June 17, will fea-

ture a scene from Neil Simon's "California Suite," performed by Joe and Millie Lorand. The scene, titled "Visitor From Philadelphia," takes place in a Beverly Hills hotel room where Marvin, waiting for his wife to join him from Philadelphia, realizes that he has spent the previous night with a strange woman who is still in his room, passed out drunk! To get out of his dilemma Marvin must — never mind. You'll have to attend the meeting to find out. But you can be sure that coming from the pen of Neil Simon, it promises to be a riotous scene. Max Heller will do the narration.

As always, the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the AR and refreshments will be served.

### Women's Club

#### By Eldora Barton

Entertainment at the May meeting was warmly presented by cabaret singer Jan Abrams, whose expressive, vibrant voice and sense of humor gave us all a lift.

The workshop meets each Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m. in the MPR. This is the day for creating a great assortment of items, and sales take place also. Come have a cup of coffee with us and see what is being

shown.

The Trading Post, with all its varied merchandise, will be in the AR on Thursday, June 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Don't miss it.

### Veterans Club

#### By Martin Alfred

Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the MPR.

Our last few programs were somewhat mixed up due to an expected vacation of a speaker and a conflict with the important Candidates Night. If all now goes well, we will have Dr. Albert Sattin, a Veterans Administration psychiatrist, at our June meeting, and Bob Hinkel, an ex-Navy dive bomber crew member, in July. Watch Channel 25 for announcements.

Our thanks to Rabbi Rubenstein for filling in for us in April with a lively and interesting talk.

For more information, call Marty at 389-1610.

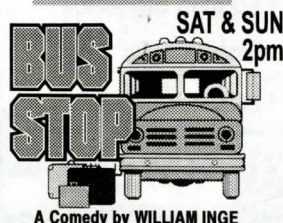
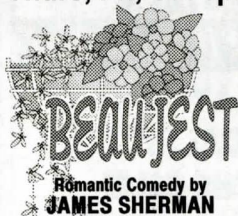
### L.V. New York Club

#### By Gerald L. Schulman


On Sunday, June 26, the Big Band Dinner Dance will take place. Tickets are \$19 for members and \$21 for non-members. Set your own

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On May 22, a group far in excess of 100 people — 102 to be exact — went to see the show, "Grossinger." A good time was had by all. This is the kind of attendance we need at all our events.

We now have a travel committee, chaired by Marilyn Williams. The other members are Irv Jacobs, Selma Frost, Irene Gary and Edward Meyers. I look forward to some great trips.

The New York Club is the club leader in Leisure Village. In order to remain this way, we need your membership dues. The dues permit us to give you top entertainment and permit us to hold many special events throughout the year. If you have not paid your dues, please do so.

### L.V. Exercise Group

By Milt Mankoff

Paid-up members of the Leisure Village Exercise Group looked forward to the complimentary bagel and muffin breakfast on Friday, May 27. This annual event complements the drive for membership in this popular Village group.

Newly elected officers will be installed in June.

Plans are now completed for the Gala Picnic Dinner on Friday, June 17. A full-course dinner will be served, and, as always, participants will enjoy many games and chances to take home some of the valuable door prizes. Cost to members is \$12, and prompt reservations are a must.

Tables of 10 or 12 may be arranged in advance. Individual attendees will be assigned places by the committee. Shiprah Maller, President, may be reached at morning exercises or at 482-3072.

The Leisure Village Exercise Group holds forth Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 9 a.m. at the Pool Pavilion. This program was devised especially for seniors with the assistance and advice of local physical therapists. All Village residents are urged to join this welcoming group.

### Saturday Night Dance

By Milan Weiss

The Leisure Village Saturday Night Party gets bigger and better each week. And the good news is: Live band (group) dance music has been extended through August. That should make your feet move through the rhythms of the night!

It's time to thank all of you for your attendance each Saturday night. It's the combination of your being there, your love of the various dances, the good music and the planning by the dance committee leaders, Bill Byrnes and Barbara Ohmstedt, and the help of many others who contribute to make your evening enjoyable. And where else do you get the cheery greeting and welcoming smiles of the beautiful ticket seller greeters, Shirley Francis (Ms. Burma), Helen Judd and Betty Herrmann?

Never to be forgotten is Marion Tavano, who has left the Village after spending 30 years on the dance committee.

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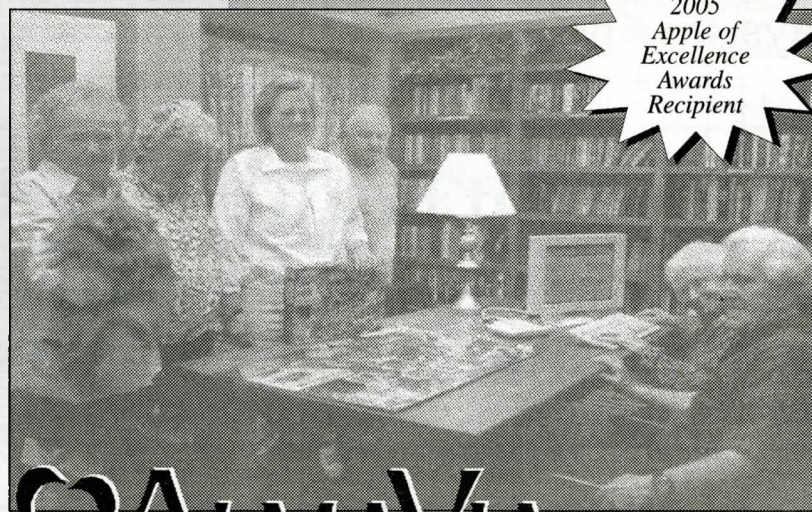
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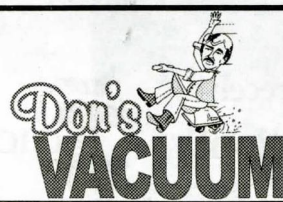


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tees, perpetuating all that is good about dancing here in the Village. A really big thank you for the unselfish time you have given to so many Villagers.

Highlights of dance night events:

Ernie Slabotsky has taken the lead in winning the breaktime give-aways five times in a row. He has walked away with red wine, white wine and free tickets to future dance nights. His skill is amazing!

Saturday, June 18, should be a fun night! Put on your western duds and come out yellin' and a-whoopin' — it's Country Western Night.

The band (group) line-up is: June 4, Music by Choice, Ken and Ginny Baker \$4; June 11, Jerry Dokken Trio \$4; June 18, Tamarack, Country Western, \$4; June 25, Moore Music, Danny and Dolores Moore, \$4. All prices are per person, all dates are Saturday nights. The dances start at 7:30

p.m.

If you're celebrating an event, let the emcee know. They love to announce a special occasion. See you there!

### Country Line Dance

**By Ida Kubica**

Country Line Dance Workshop meets on Tuesdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the AR.

Another year has passed and it's time for our Annual Installation of Officers. June 7 is the date, and the time is the usual 2:45 p.m., with Betty Dean giving instructions. We will do a few dances before the celebration. An Ice Cream Social will follow the installation.

The following is the slate of officers for 2005-06:

President, Rhoda Smithkin; First Vice President, Andrea Moran; Second Vice President, Sylvia Belsky; Treasurer, Edith Vanicek; Secretary,

Marie Donnell; Corresponding Secretary, Susan Burke.

Assisting the Board will be: Betty Dean, Beginners Instructor; Ruth Rigg, Sunshine Lady; Ida Kubica, Publicity; and Judy Siegal, Attendance.

Last but not least is all the volunteer donation and cleanup people. We couldn't do it without you. It takes all members to make a successful party.

The membership thanks all the Board members and their assistants for a job well done this past year, and also for accepting the office again this year.

### RV Club

**By Bill Gardner**

Our campout to Buellton Six Flags RV Park was great. We had 19 RVs on the outing and about 40 people attended. Our potluck dinner was super. We visited wineries, a casino, a mission in Lompoc and a ranch

with small-size horses. A great time was had by all who attended, in spite of the cancellation by Vandenberg Air Force Base to see the launch site and missiles.

We had a dine-out at the Country Kitchen in Newbury Park, hosted by Marjorie and Don Rowher. The food was delicious, the service was great. You should try this restaurant some time, if you haven't already.

Because of all the rain, the campout to the Russian River in Northern California is canceled because the campsites are washed out. We are trying to replace it with another location.

Our next dine-out will be June 7 in Simi Valley. The food will be barbecue.

The yearly fundraiser for the RV Club is the Pancake Breakfast, to be held in the AR on June 11. Be sure to get your tickets and enjoy a super breakfast. Bring a friend! Tickets are available now! Our meetings are the

third Tuesday of the month in the MPR at 7:30 p.m. You do not have to own an RV to join our club and join the activities and fun.

### Writers Club

**By Jack Burger**

There is a terrific group meeting every Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m. in the annex Village Room.

We welcome everyone to join us in writing stories, memories, poetry, etc. If you do not wish to write, you are invited to come in, listen and just enjoy yourselves. Hope to see you there.

### Garden Club

**By Naomi Balfour**

The Garden Club will meet on June 16 in the Multi-Purpose Room at 9:30 a.m. After sharing goodies

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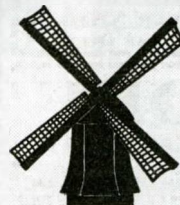
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and socializing, the business meeting and the program will follow. Susan Landry, a cooking teacher and lecturer from Ventura, will speak about herbs for cooking and medicinal purposes. Susan is very knowledgeable on this subject and is writing a book about it. Guests and friends are welcome.

### Ceramics Plus

**By Martin Ettinger**

The visit to the Beatrice Wood Studio was a huge success. In addition to the tour of the area, an instructive video was shown.

The Otto Heino exhibit of his ceramics is still available at the Ventura County Museum of History & Art and is well worth the time. When at the museum, the George Stuart figures display is highly recommended. The detail in each figure is exquisite.

Come join us for interest in sculpture and ceramics on Monday, Thursday and Saturday mornings in the Ceramics Room.

### Square Dance

**By Raye Gabriel**

We square dance Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. in the AR. Bill Kramer is our delightful caller and is well-known all along the coast.

Call 987-2865 or 484-9928 for more information.

You are welcome to join us. Refreshments are served.

### Farmers Club

**By Marjorie Deniston**

The Farmers Club General Meeting will be held Friday, June 3, at 2 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. Watch Channel 25 for special information. Pictures will be on display of the Gardens of the World and of the Farm Fest. Plan on attending and bring a friend.

We are sorry about the death of Joe Kremer. He was

Farmers Club representative to the Education & Recreation Committee, a great gardener, well respected by his gardening friends and will be sorely missed.

"Open House Behind the Garden Wall" will be held Saturday, July 16th, and Sunday, July 17. The gardens will be open for all the Villagers to see. The garden patches will be judged, and the six top gardens will be acknowledged.

Plans are in the works for our August 19 Farmers Club Picnic. This is an event that everyone looks forward to.

Good news: Joe Dishlip is back and wants everyone to know he's feeling great.

Don't forget: The Patch Patrol stands ready to assist while you are on vacation or sick. They are: Hank Clare, patches 1 through 15; Joe Foraker, 16-30; Jeffrey Cohen, 31-45; Al Zellman, 46-60; Joe Dishlip, 61-75; Jim Cooke, 76-89; and Serge Prokopenko, 90-103.

### International Folk Dancing

**By Raye Gabriel**

Classes are Mondays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the AR. Val Daley, our loving teacher, has us learning new dances and reviewing the ones we know. She helps exercise our brains and body simultaneously. We are getting a workout with-

out even realizing it because it is so enjoyable.

Val will come at 12:30 for those beginners who wish to catch up. Call 482-5621 for more information.

### Camera Club

**By Jerry Cohen**

The May competition was judged by Chris Zarnay, an instructor at Brooks Institute of Photography. Assigned category for the month was Patterns/Textures/Abstracts.

New member Ken Hendrickson won first-place honors, with Marlene Votion earning second place and Judy Spector taking third place. Honorable Mentions were by Jerry Cohen and Don Treadwell.

The Open category winner was again taken by Ken Hendrickson, followed by Judy Spector in second place and Imogene Gregory taking third place. Honorable Mentions were by Vic Fledge and Betty Murray.

The Digitally Modified division, which is becoming more popular each competition, was won by Don Treadwell, followed by Ricky Kaplan in second place and Jerry Cohen taking third place. Honorable Mentions were by Jerry

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Spector and Vic Fledge.

Under the expert guidance and hard work by president Jerry Spector (and Judy Spector), the club is growing rapidly with entertaining programs and field trips. Everyone is invited to join us on competition nights the first Wednesday of each month and program nights on the third Wednesday of each month. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. in the MPR and refreshments follow.

### Billiard Club

By Jack Quinn

It arrived! The new beautiful pool table is a pleasant addition to our Billiard Room. Thanks to all who have donated to make this possible. If you have not yet seen it, make an effort to do so. Be sure to bring your favorite cue stick or use one from the racks.

The annual club Picnic in the Park is June 5 at noon. Betty and Barbara are planning chicken, cole slaw, beans, cake, popcorn, soft drinks, coffee, games and prizes — all for \$8.

The ice cream social is on June 28 after the regular meeting. Hope to see you there!

### Village Painters

By Aurelie Zachary

The original program for our May 4 meeting was to be a demonstration of wire-wrapped jewelry by Gwen Lyon. However, this was canceled due to the fact that her jewelry is on display at the Homespun Store near Albertson's on Las Posas. The substitution was a versatile artist, Marlon von Cott, who has a special style in watercolor painting, demonstrated in the numerous paintings he brought and displayed on easels he fabricated. The explanations of his ideas were very inspiring.

Paintings in the Library for the months of June and July will be by Lindy Stein and Gwen Zimring.

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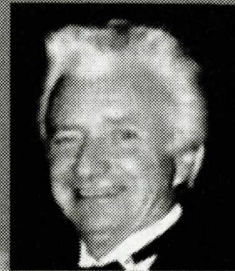
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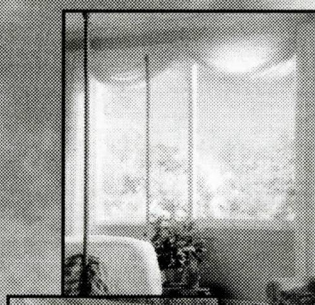
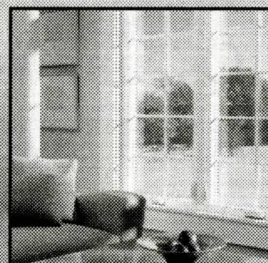
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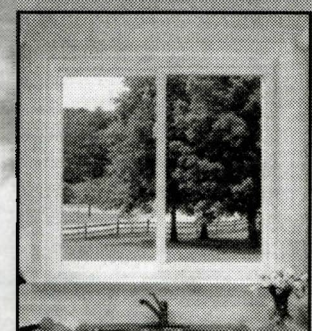
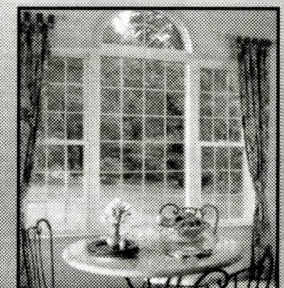
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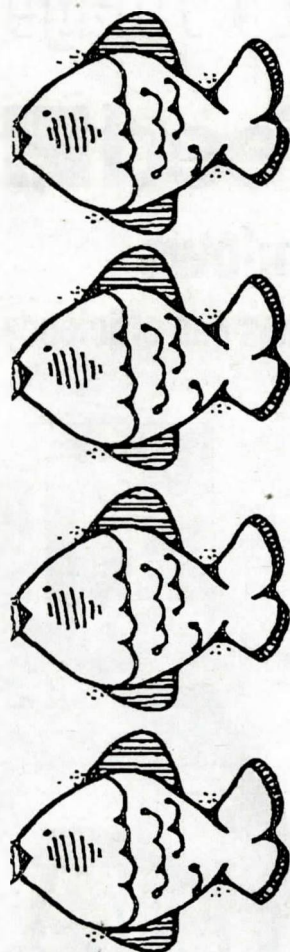
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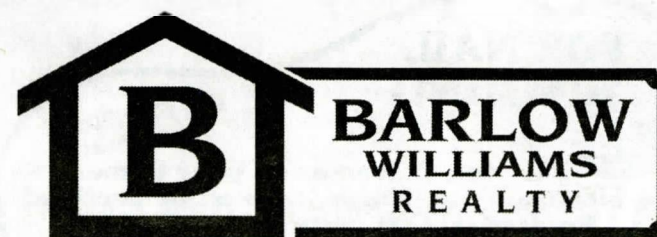


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