

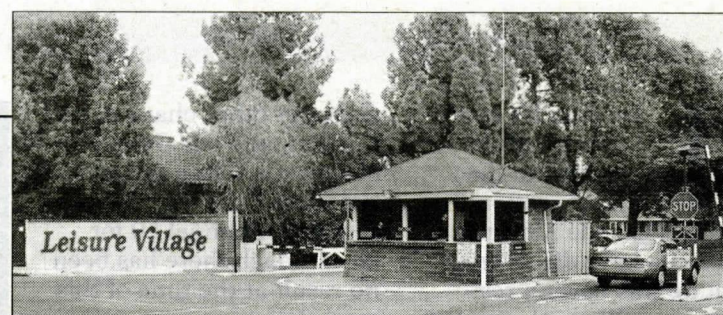
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The Wishing Season

By Joseph Benti

Even though wishes are in season, experience teaches us that wishing won't necessarily make anything so. For that matter, wishing doesn't make anything better. Along with traditional New Year's resolutions, wishes often join good intentions on that well-paved road to Hades.

Despite the possibility

of disappointment, this is a good time for you, too, to come up with some wishes for our Village, wishes you would like to see reality in the next year or two, or more.

Here are a few of mine:

Now that we have an Ad Hoc "Wi-Fi Committee" to help plan getting the entire Village set up for wireless communica-

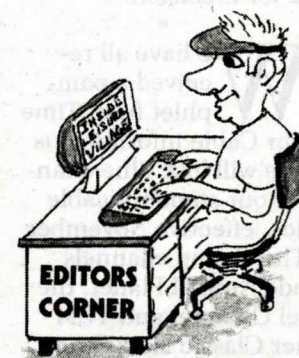
tion, I wish we would think about more ways to bring Village life more in line with the 21st century.

Too often, many of us are so locked in our day-to-day lives, that we are comfortably stuck in the 20th century, which can leave us unmindful or indifferent to the possibilities of change.

I wish that the Board would expand its future-

oriented concept by creating another ad hoc committee. This committee's only job would be to gather opinions from any and all sources, on any and all subjects, about what other changes and new projects we should consider to enhance our quality of Village life and the maintenance and increase of

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Lois Keeler again comes through with an article about strolling through Griffith Park. See Page 13.

Look for our latest Classic Film by Bob Koster on Page 4.

See the wonderful pictures from our Second Annual Pumpkin Festival on Page 2.

Earthquake predictions need refinement. Read this interesting article by Joe Foraker on Page 11.

For all our dog lovers, there is beautiful article about pups on Page 5.

There is a thought-provoking article regarding estate planning by Jack Prosen on Page 12.

We are coming into the holiday season, and the staff at Inside Leisure Village would like to thank all of the residents for their articles and comments during the past year. Without your assistance, there would not be a paper. Thank you.

We wish all of the residents, employees and their families a wonderful holiday season. Good health to all, and may all of your dreams come true.

Spectors team up to help Village

By Milan Weiss

The pumpkin man and his wife are still creating and running to provide enjoyable events for Leisure Village. Their recent successful Pumpkin Festival and Chili Cook-Off was a repeat of last year, and was it good? No! It was outstanding! And that's the term to apply to both Jerry and Judy Spector.

Now that's a team! They are modest about their activities and admit to having had lots of help in the success of many of their endeavors, one of which was the Pumpkin Festival. But, they did it — a huge effort — with skill and organization.

Jerry is the visionary and is very creative. Judy has organizational skills and takes care of details. You could describe them as bright, energetic, helpful, caring, innovative, and active and you'd be right; but even with a dictionary, you would run out of adjectives to describe their personal attributes.



Judy and Jerry Spector work together to help make Leisure Village a fun place to live.

Jerry and Judy have been married for 38 years. They have lived in Leisure Village for eight years. They are family-oriented, and Jerry has a mother, two sisters, a brother and a brother-in-law all living in Leisure Village.

They have a married son and four grandchildren — three boys and one girl — living in Olympia, Wash-

ington. They have a daughter living in Encino.

Jerry is from St. Louis, Missouri, and lived in the University City area. Judy is a native Californian and was brought up in the San Gabriel Valley, spending most of her earlier years in the Rosemead area.

Jerry is a graduate of the Banking Administration Institute, sponsored by the

University of Wisconsin. He is also a graduate of the Control Data Institute in Inglewood.

Judy has a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Phoenix. Her work background was in insurance and banking.

Jerry was in the U.S. Air Force, where he served in the accounting and finance office. Jerry is a computer programming and systems analyst. He has spent much of his working life in the banking industry, where he converted many banks from one computer system to another. His workload with banking computers was mostly in Southern California, but he worked several areas across the United States, as well.

Both Jerry and Judy participate in several Leisure Village clubs. In most cases, they belong to the same clubs. They are members of the Camera Club, where Jerry has been president

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Last month's Inside Leisure Village included in the "In Memoriam" section the name of Claude Alexander. We since have discovered that he was never a resident here. We apologize for the misinformation and would like to speak with the person who phoned in the name for inclusion.

We have all received a pamphlet from Time Warner Cable informing us that we will lose nine channels of our standard cable service, effective November 14. These nine channels include Animal Planet, the Travel Channel and TCM Turner Classic Movies on Channel 50.

Most of us, I am sure, will miss Channel 50 more

then any other channel, and I understand our General Manager is trying to negotiate with Time Warner to reinstate Channel 50 for us, although there has been no result at the time of this writing.

I called Time Warner at 888-892-2253 and had a long wait before a human voice answered. If the information the lady gave me is correct, it would cost us \$5.50 per month per TV set in your house (i.e. you want Channel 50 on three TV sets in your house: \$16.50 per month.)

That \$5.50 per set gives you a "tier," and I would choose the "Variety Tier," which gives me Channel 50 and a number of additional channels.

— Lee Edwards, V. 31



Joe Dishlip, Farmers Club President, is the man to thank for the Pumpkin Festival, described on Page 3.

Osher brings college class on history of religion to LV in January

By Mitzi Ettinger

Osher at California State University, Channel Islands, the learning program for seniors, is sponsoring another class in Leisure Village.

Professor Carolyn Dorance will teach "Religion in Early America," an eight-session, two-hour class beginning on January 18 and ending on March 8. It will be held in the Sun Room on Thursday afternoons from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$65. Registration will take place on Thursday afternoon, December 7, in the Sun Room between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

For further information, you may call me at 482-8361.

Osher is located on college campuses across the United States.

Letters

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Deadlines for next month

The Display Advertising deadline for the January 2007 issue will be Monday, December 11, at 5 p.m. Deadline for letters, club news, stories, photos and classified ads is Wednesday, December 13, at 5 p.m. Publication is scheduled for January 5. Typed copy, double-spaced, should be deposited in the ILV box in the Recreation Center hallway. Handwritten material should be submitted early to allow for typing.

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Buenaventura Medical changes to be discussed

By Naomi Balfour

Your Neighbors Care Group will present an informational meeting in regards to changes at Buenaventura

Medical Group at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 11, in the MPR. Representatives from Kaiser and Scan will be there. Bring your questions.

BLOOD PRESSURE

By Naomi Balfour

Have your blood pressure checked Monday, Dec. 4, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the AR.

BETTER BREATHING

By Lorraine Comer

It's December already, and the holidays are keeping us very busy. Remember better breathing techniques that will help you get all the things done a little more easily. As we tend to eat more and exercise less, it remains important to come to the Better Breathing class so that you can get through the holidays without being short of breath.

Let's get together to discuss taking care of ourselves

during the upcoming holidays with daily exercise and better breathing techniques.

As you know, we discuss improving our breathing patterns so that shortness of breath does not become a problem. Let's get together to practice good breathing techniques so that daily chores become easier to accomplish, leaving more time for fun.

During each of the Better Breathing sessions, we discuss how to conserve

energy when doing daily activities, which will allow us to perform many of the things that make life here in Leisure Village so good. We discuss any special problem you might have, either with all of those in attendance or privately at the end of the session.

Hope to see all of you looking to improve your everyday life the second Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Sun Room.

2nd Annual Pumpkin Festival a real treat

By Jerry Spector

The Second Annual Pumpkin Festival was held on Monday, Oct. 30, and was attended by an estimated 600 bewitched Village residents.

As advertised, there were four separate contests held during the day, and you could feel the excitement in the AR. It was truly a day to remember, as there was fun from the moment you entered the AR — a clever opening ceremony, a classic fairytale skit with a Halloween twist and numerous residents dressed up in the most enjoyable costumes, entertaining a very responsive crowd.

There were 35 participants who brought carved and decorated pumpkins to the AR, each one carefully thought out and creatively presented. Another 37 participants brought homemade pumpkin dishes that varied from Pumpkin Patch Soup to pumpkin fudge, with a variety of cakes, pies, breads and cookies made with a pumpkin base. If that aroma did not make you hungry, all you had to do was take a deep breath and enjoy the wonderful scent of 19 different crockpots of homemade chili.

Circulating in and around the crowd all day were many residents dressed in costume who chose not to participate in the costume contest, even though they were original enough to have been winners. The Recreation Office provided punch and popcorn, and many new and longtime residents spent the day meeting new friends and neighbors.

When all was said and done, \$2,500 in prizes was awarded to most of those who participated in one of the four contests: pumpkin carving and decorating, chili, pumpkin dishes and the costume contest. These prizes were donations from business merchants from Camarillo, Newbury Park, Thousand Oaks, Oxnard, the Leisure Village Travel Committee and the grand prize worth \$250 from the



Jim Ronge's "Mortimer" took first place for Best Carved and the People's Choice Award.



Mary Jane Porter's "Hazel's Cemetery Shoppe" took first place for Most Original.

Full results, Page 28

Chumash Casino.

It was wonderful to hear so many nice comments from so many who attended the Pumpkin Festival, but the real thanks goes to those behind the scenes who did so much to make this event work. In no order of importance, but with all my thanks and gratitude, I want to publicly thank the following chair people who made this event happen:

Barbara Swartz, Clay Starr, Georgia Griswold, Joe Foraker and Mary Jane Porter. Thanks to Joe Dishlip and the Farmers Club for sponsoring this wonderful event and to all judges

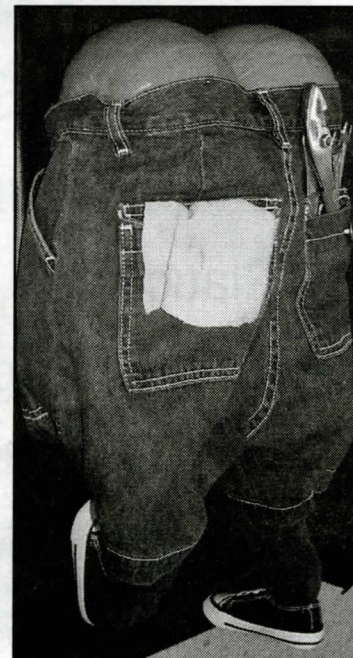


Judy Spector's "Hairy Scary Spider" took first place for Scariest.

whose jobs were not easy, but once again, they did a great job, as did those who participated on the stage in various skits, entertaining the crowd.

Special thanks to my wife, Judy Spector, for ev-

everything she did, and, most importantly, her patience with me, for allowing me to do what I wanted to do to make this day as great as it was for all Leisure Village residents.



Jack Rosenthal's "The Plumber" took first place for Funniest.

Behind the scenes of 'A Christmas Carol'

By Bob Koster

On December 10, Sunday, at 7 p.m. in the A.R., we will show two versions of the old classic, "A Christmas Carol."

This is one of the most commonly played Christmas favorites. Everyone remembers Lionel Barrymore's version. And, of course, there have been several knock-offs. A few years back, Bill Murray starred in "Scrooge," an up-to-date story of an evil business executive set in today's New York, with all that implies.

Well, now we go back to our roots. The first version we will see has Alastair Sim playing Scrooge. Lionel Barrymore was bad, but Alastair

Sim has him beat by a country mile.

This film was made during the height of Britain's resurgence in the movie industry. Many fine films came from this era. We will see some of them in the coming months. "Hamlet," with Sir Laurence Olivier, is an obvious example. In the same era were produced the finest Peter Sellers comedies such as "The Mouse That Roared" and "I'm All Right, Jack." Also from that era was "Great Expectations," "Hobson's Choice," "The Third Man" and many other exquisite examples of British humor and drama. Maybe we'll devote a year to just seeing British films.

Getting back to "A Christmas Carol." You should watch for a brief appearance by Patrick MacNee as the young Jacob Marley. MacNee would gain great fame in the 1960s and '70s as the lead in the TV series, "The Avengers," with Diana Rigg.

Also, the incidental music was written by Richard Addinsell. Addinsell was well known for having composed music for numerous films, among them "Dangerous Moonlight." For that film, he composed the "Warsaw Concerto," which has somehow drifted into the classical music realm all by itself. Not many people remember "Dangerous Moonlight," but

every child who ever had to take piano lessons had to learn the Warsaw Concerto.

It happened that my father was in London in 1948 making a film titled, "No Highway In The Sky," with Jimmy Stewart and Marlene Dietrich. Being a classical music buff, Dad was invited to the home of Richard Addinsell for tea. Naturally, he brought Peggy and my two brothers, the elder of whom, Nicky, was then 6 years old and was taking piano lessons.

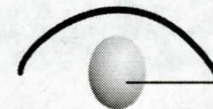
Mr. Addinsell offered to sit down at his piano and play the Warsaw Concerto for the family, but after a few bars he forgot the notes. After all, it was only

incidental music — so incidental that when the movie was released, and when the audiences started flooding the studio with letters requesting recordings of the concerto, the music department had to retrieve an "NG" recording from the wastebasket and make copies to put into the music stores! Nobody working on the film thought the music was exceptional!

Anyway, when Mr. Addinsell forgot the music, my brother, never too shy, got up and offered to play the piece, which he then proceeded to do perfectly. Mr. Addinsell applauded this 6-year-old prodigy for know-

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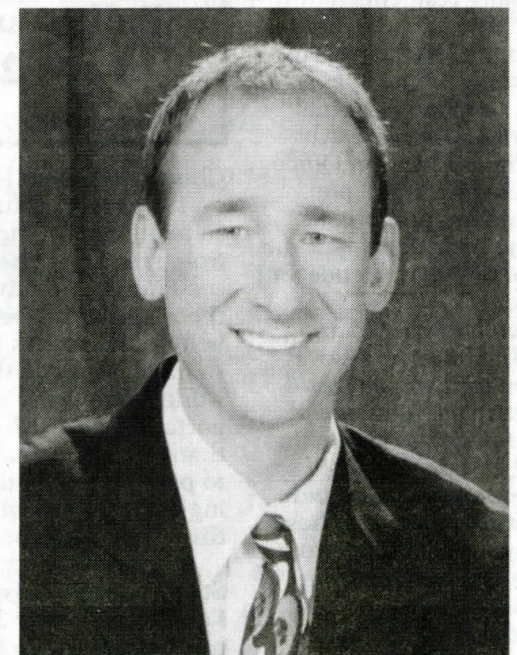
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Joy to the world — and to pet ownership

By Lynn B. Oberman, V. 1

Having two small pups walk me each evening is great! They make sure I walk the walk, as the two are pulling me on. This course allows me the exercise I need, and these creatures make sure I'm into it and set the pace. That they are good role models for people who would prefer sitting in place is a foregone.

Occasionally I will take them to the park and set them free, and it's gang-busters from there. They are elated running in a frenzy, into joyful madness. At those rare times, they

are flying into the wind, knowing better than to understand the command, "Come!" This would only have them back home and trapped inside the home grounds. Even though their patio is large, for small dogs, it is not the huge world of trees and grass and acres of splendor.

Of course, trying to round up these kids, once

they are into the playground, is not easy and has me into a week of workout in one fell swoop. This is the reason that taking them to the park is not a common practice. They have been known to get away from me, on leash, here in the Village, which is worse than the park, because they are on forbidden territory. They would love to chase after the

rabbits and squirrels and even the birds, but I would fear for my animal's better health.

My "kids" may sometimes seem rowdy, but when push comes to shove, the bunnies and cohorts could win any confrontation.

Nonetheless, I love my animals. They are an extension of what went before. These beings remain

children and keep the doors of innocence open and the home fires burning bright. Being alone does not exist with these joyful creatures.

Having pets is not as easy as it looks, but they are well worth their weight in gold, and even that is belittling their meaning. Doing exercise with them is not a chore, it's a given.

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ing his piece better than he himself did.

As for "A Christmas Carol," the Alastair Sim version became as famous in England as the Lionel Barrymore version did here. It is played regularly during Christmas season. When you see it, you will understand why.

After the break we will reprise the "Christmas Carol" we played last year. In this version, the impressionist Rich Little plays all the parts as if they were played by famous characters. For instance, he plays Scrooge as if it were played by W.C. Fields. Cratchit is Paul Lynde. Mrs. Cratchit is Archie Bunker's wife. And tiny Tim is Truman Capote. It's hilarious. Now you can see this classic which was only shown once on TV in the United States.

In January, we will see something equally intriguing, but you'll have to wait for the next Inside Leisure Village to find out what it is.

Don't forget: Sunday, December 10, in the A.R., 7 p.m. There will be free coffee, punch and popcorn. Bring your friend. And don't forget to watch Channel 25!

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Thank you for all of the loving and thoughtful tributes in memory of my husband, Norman Page. Your kind words, cards and phone calls meant a great deal to me, and I just want to thank everyone for the outpouring of affection and caring. He loved it in the Village and enjoyed the company of so many wonderful people over the years. We will all miss him greatly.

— Gloria Page, V. 44

Iwould like to thank all the neighbors and friends who thought about me during my recent illness. It's so nice recovering and knowing so many friends remembered me. Your calls and cards sure did make my days a lot easier. Thank you all again.

— Selma Weiss, V. 42

We would like to thank everyone who joined us to celebrate Burt's birthday on September 23. We are sorry we did not get our individual thank-yous out due to Dorothy being ill.

We are sorry if we missed anyone when sending out the invitations. If you belong to an organization we belong to, we tried to be sure each and every one received one.

Thank you for all the cards and gifts, and also for the many donations to the City of Hope for cancer and stem-cell research.

Thank you for all the phone calls, cards and letters congratulating us on the wonderful party. We have passed all these thanks on to the ones who made this possible, our children, Cathy and Mike, Ron and Michelle, John and Lori.

One more time, thanks to all of the 225-plus friends, some of whom traveled many miles, for joining us in making Burt's 90th birthday a huge success — one he will never forget.

— Burt and Dorothy Swallow, V. 15

Iam truly blessed to have such wonderful friends and neighbors in Leisure Village. Thank

In memoriam

Paul Eberly, former resident
Edith Dowsing, V. 11
Chester Urbaniak, V. 22
Jane Fine, V. 39
Herbert Schwartz, V. 18
Suzanne Swanson, V. 37
Norman Page, V. 44
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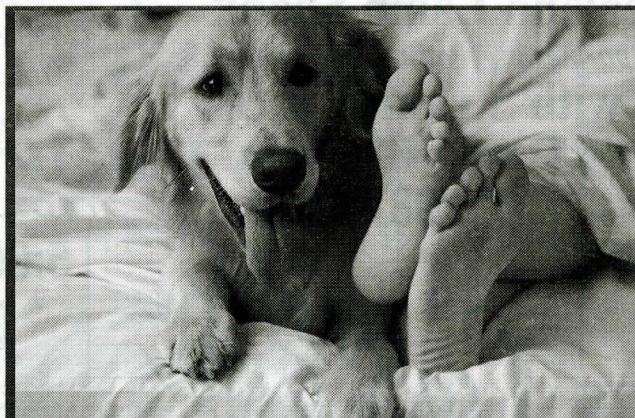
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you so much for all your calls, cards, tributes, flowers, goodies and visits. I was truly overwhelmed by your devotion and concern. I know this helped toward my healing.

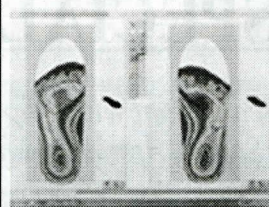
— Roz Feldman, V. 28

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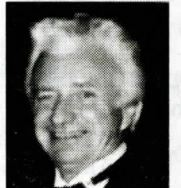
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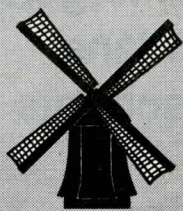
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'Dear Mrs.' is here to help

"Inside Leisure Village" is introducing a new feature column titled, "Dear Mrs." "Mrs." is not a real person. It's all in fun. The questions to Mrs. won't be real. The answers won't be real.

If readers would like to join in the fun by anonymously writing their fictitious problems that may be answered by Mrs., all the better. But don't get serious, don't use real names, don't use real Village addresses, and, most important, keep it light.

Dear Mrs.,

Last night, my husband and I dined at a local restaurant in Camarillo. After our food arrived, two attractive young men in their early 20s were seated at a nearby table. When the man with his back to me sat down, more than two inches of his nether region was displayed, clearly in my line of sight. Naturally, I was appalled! I believe this is completely unacceptable attire in public, and I really could not enjoy my meal. What is your opinion of this?

— Disgusted, Village 75

Dear Disgusted,

I couldn't agree with you more. This behavior is outrageous. By the way, what restaurant was this, and would you happen to have their address?

Dear Mrs.,

I have an elderly uncle who insists on visiting me at least six times a year. Each time he stays at least two weeks, and he is a slob. He expects me to cook for him and wash his clothes, and he takes over the television. I'm a physical and mental wreck by the time he leaves, and he ignores my attempts to dissuade him from visiting. What can I do?

— Exhausted, Village 96

Dear Exhausted,
I suggest you rent a video of "Arsenic and Old Lace."

Dear Mrs.,

We've been married for more than 50 years and I still can't get my husband to put the toilet seat back down after he goes. How can I get him to do that?

— Perplexed, Village 72

Dear Perplexed,
Take it from me. It ain't gonna happen. It's something in the male genes. However, you should be grateful that at least he puts the seat up before he goes.

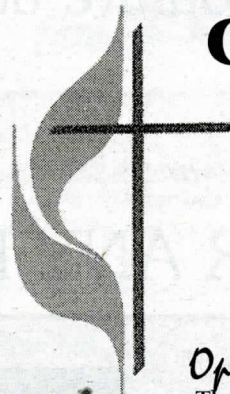
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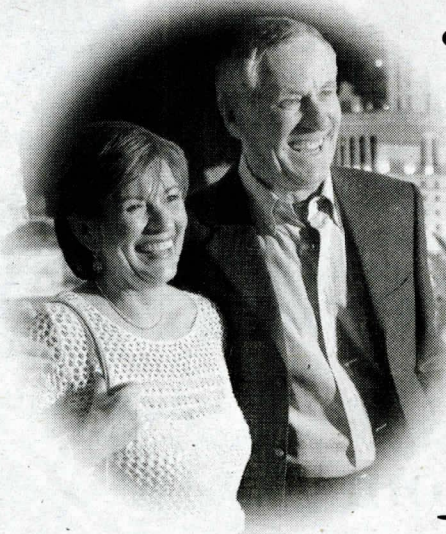
have so many wonderful friends, neighbors and family. With all the prayers from so many people, I knew I would come out on top of the world with everything coming out on the right side.

This is a grand thank you to all I know and all who wished me well. Thanks to all the bingo players, my maj friends, neighbors, family and everyone good in the world, both far and near, for their support.

Bless all of you!

— Mimi Rich, V. 13

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Changes under way at Channel 25; input welcome

By Ben Perry

Jack Whalen, who has been writing this column for Channel 25, has taken a short hiatus; therefore, I will be sitting in for him until he returns, which I hope will be shortly.

As most of the residents in the Village know by now, our Message Center (Channel 25) is undergoing a radical change insofar as the enlargement of our operating space and the new equipment that has been brought in for greater efficiency and quality of productions. Completion of our makeover should be sometime before the end of this year.

At our committee meeting, we discussed the setting of the date of our open house for Villagers to have the opportunity to view what we now have. That date will be announced on Channel 25 in the near

future.

We have temporarily postponed programming of different shows that would have emerged from our studio due to the construction that is going on. As soon as it is completed, we will resume with our programs that were popular and come up with some new ideas. For the time being, some of the old memorable shows will be repeated.

It would appear that some residents have become concerned about the messages that appear on our Channel 25, that viewing time for each message has become too long for short messages and too short for long ones. An attempt will be made by Mark Smith, the chief operator of our message center, to give the appropriate amount of time for messages to be read. It was also noted that

consideration of the length of each message from various clubs and committees should be condensed to one or only two pages if necessary.

On Friday night, Oct. 20, just before midnight, we had a loss of power throughout the Village and, of course, the Message Center went dark. Saturday morning, Art Kaufman rushed down to restore programming to our channel. Although Art was not fully acquainted with the new console and equipment, he managed to save the day by reasoning out the sequence of buttons to press on the new equipment. It's always Art to the rescue.

As we approach the end of 2006, the music that is piped in through your television will change. You could expect to hear Christmas

Please see **CHANNEL 25** on 10

DECEMBER 2006

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Friday	1	10 AM & 4:45 PM	Farewell to Randy (15 min.)
Monday	4	10:00 A.M.	LVA OPEN BOARD MEETING - Live
Wednesday	6	10 A.M. & 5 P.M.	Women's Club: Tom Sperry (37 min.)
Friday	8	10:00 A.M.	TAPE - LVA OPEN BOARD MEETING
Monday	11	10 A.M. & 5 P.M.	Players Guild: Ruth & Robert Nathan (48 min.)
Tuesday	12	10 AM & 4:45 PM	Farewell to Randy (15 min.)
Wednesday	13	10 A.M. & 5 P.M.	2006 Pumpkin Festival
Friday	15	10 A.M. & 5 P.M.	Seniors - What Makes Them Tick (49 min.)
Monday	18	9:30 A.M.	LIVE - LVA WORKING BOARD MEETING
Friday	22	10:00 A.M.	TAPE - LVA WORKING BOARD MEETING

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Friends, activities help us live longer, more enjoyably

By Allan Caldwell, V. 17

"Senior citizen" is commonly defined as being over 65 years of age or, in some cases, 55 years or more.

It is not easy to categorize the older American. Our needs and desires are varied, and it is generally felt that our desires, at least, are becoming more diverse.

A useful assessment of our senior group need not take an inordinate amount

of time or occur as a single event to effectively prevent, or at least delay, many of the major causes of our morbidity and mortality.

It is well recognized that most of the functional loss in our lives is related to specific disease processes and not to aging itself. It follows, therefore, that greater emphasis on disease prevention, as opposed to disease management,

through timely and appropriate screening, immunizations, healthy behaviors and lifestyle choices can significantly retard disability and death.

Environmental considerations are also critical. We need safe neighborhoods, such as we have in Leisure Village, with well-designed sidewalks, safeguarded walking lanes and encouragement through facility provi-

sions such as a golf course, tennis courts, hobby shops, swimming pool, bicycle lanes, facilities for special interest groups, green areas, close-by shopping facilities with food, postal services, drug store, dry cleaning, beauty parlor and hair cutting services, for instance. These varied facilities in close proximity encourage physical activities.

Our homes are also

designed with our special needs in mind which help prevent falls and injuries.

We need networks of friends and family to help us live independent lives for as long as possible. Our support groups' goal must be to help us come to the end of our life while we are still as functionally independent as possible and as late in years as possible.

Dance Party broadcast live Dec. 16

By Milan Weiss

The Saturday Night Dance Party will be shown live on Channel 25 the night of December 16 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. This showing is for the first hour of the evening's dance. The band is Jerry Dokken.

If you're not familiar

with these weekly scheduled parties, this is your opportunity to sit in your own home and watch "the action!" Look for familiar faces. They may be your friends or neighbors.

Here's an hour of worthwhile viewing for your pleasure. There's more here

than meets the eye, and the theme dance nights just add to the evening's enjoyment. You're always welcome.

Follow future Inside Leisure Village articles for current information. There is a fee. See the Saturday Night Dance article under Club News in this issue.

CHANNEL 25

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music from time to time, but we will not saturate your listening with the holiday music. As always, the music will be scrambled with the hope that there will be a good mix of classical, American classics, show type and other periods of music. As you will note, there is no rock, rap or heavy metal in our selection. Our committee has received much praise for our music, and we will continue to give you the pleasure of good listening.

Our Channel 25 committee meets once a month on the third Thursday of each month and, as always, there is a good turnout of its membership. Some members of the Leisure Village Board of Directors even show up to see what they can contribute. It is a welcoming sight, having these members show up, and then we know that we are doing a good job.

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Still a long way to go in predicting earthquakes

By Joe Foraker

With advanced technology and hundreds of satellite cameras peering around the clock at the Earth, weather prediction is highly dependable.

Earthquake prediction is wildly heralded as a success if the prediction occurs in a window that stays open for seven or eight years.

In late 1987, U.S. Geological Society seismologists predicted a magnitude 6.8 to 7.2 earthquake within the next seven years on the San Andreas fault. They projected the epicenter in the middle of a 100-mile segment of the fault south of San Francisco. The October '89 magnitude 7.1 earthquake struck near Loma Prieta mountain in the predicted location. Even though the time frame was large,

the confirmed prediction represented a milestone.

A valid earthquake prediction requires four essential elements: the period when the earthquake will occur, the area of location, the magnitude range, and a statement of the odds that an earthquake like the predicted one would occur by chance alone.

In June, 1990, Iben Benson, a self-described climatologist, spoke to a Rotary Club in Little Rock, Ark., to reveal his "ability" to predict earthquakes. Benson claimed he had predicted the Whittier and Loma Prieta earthquakes. Several members of his audience were skeptical but were jolted by his prediction that a repeat of the great New Madrid earthquake in approximately six months

would devastate hundreds of square miles. Benson's message was passed to others and was soon picked up by the media.

Most residents in that area know that New Madrid, Missouri, was the site of three great earthquakes during a six-week period in 1811-12. Our young nation was panicked by the seismic waves that still had strong intensity as far as the East Coast. The temblor rang church bells in Washington, D.C., Pittsburgh, New York City and Boston. Horses were spooked over the six-week period, chickens quit laying eggs, and houses of worship were packed with frightened residents. The first quake caused the Mississippi River to flow backwards for nearly an hour.

The media quickly

trumpeted Benson's prediction: The great 1811-12 New Madrid earthquakes would have a repeat performance between December 3 and 5, 1990.

Geologists believe that the three temblors were magnitudes 8.0 to 8.3. Ample time before Benson's predicted dates gave respected earth scientists time to study his "evidence." Even though scientists were united in ridiculing the prediction, public fears grew rapidly.

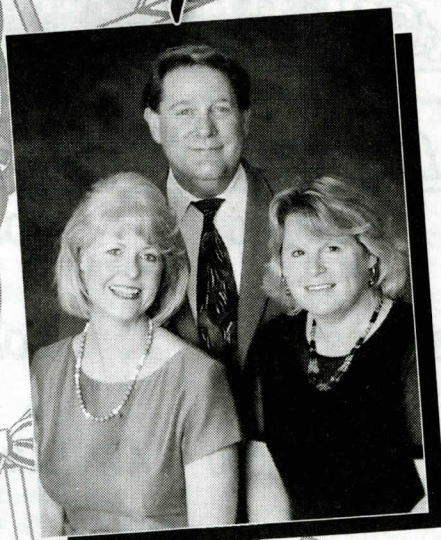
The social, psychological and economic consequences of earthquakes are a subject of some controversy. St. Louis and Memphis, the two cities likely to sustain widespread destruction from a New Madrid earthquake, immediately felt the effect of Benson's prediction. Real

estate values plummeted, company transfers to either of these cities were rejected by many employees, and dozens of scheduled conventions and business conferences were canceled, rescheduled or moved to other cities. Several school districts changed their schedules so students would not be in school. Thousands of people fled the area as the projected date advanced.

Benson's failed prediction did have a plus side. A large Midwestern population gained disaster preparedness information, and nearly all families had emergency supplies on hand.

The science of earthquake prediction, however, will require significant refinements before it can be taken seriously.

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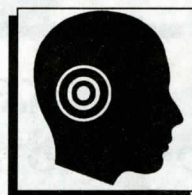
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Best way to own real property in California

By Jack D. Prosen, V. 41

From 1975 until I retired in 1990, I was a Certified Financial Planner, which involves advising clients for both investment advice as well as estate planning advice.

During these 15 years that I was giving estate planning advice, I noticed that most of my clients did not know the best way to own real property in California.

In California, there are two ways that married people can own property: either as joint tenancy or community property. Since California is a community property

state, it is definitely advisable to own all real property as community property. Let me explain why.

Let's assume that a married couple have real property, which originally cost \$500,000. Due to inflation, this property is currently valued at \$1,500,000. Let's further assume that the husband dies. The wife, for estate tax reasons, must list this property at its current valuation of \$1,500,000. To simplify her life, the wife decides to sell it. Now ownership becomes important.

If this property is owned in joint tenancy and the

property is sold, the following will occur:

At the husband's death, his half ownership will be stepped up and valued at \$750,000. On the other hand, the wife's basis will retain its original cost of \$250,000. When the property is sold, no capital gain taxes would be applicable for her husband's share, but her half ownership would be subject to a capital gain tax on her profit. This profit would be the difference between the current market value of \$750,000 less her original cost of \$250,000 or a profit of \$500,000, which

is taxable.

On the other hand, should this same property be owned as community property, on the death of her husband, the wife's half interest in the property will also be stepped up to \$750,000 and thus will avoid the possibility of being subject to a capital gain tax on the completion of the sale of this property.

There is also another area of confusion that most people try to avoid — probate, which is both time-consuming as well as expensive. Probate can be avoided by having your

total estate included in a trust rather than just using separate wills. Most people believe that trusts are only needed when you have an estate that is worth more than the current exemption of \$2,000,000, because if you have less than the exemption, you would not be subject to estate taxes, and thus you don't need a trust. But, if nothing else, the avoidance of going through probate is most definitely worth the small added costs of having a trust prepared.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

You know you live in California when:

- You make more than \$250,000 a year and you still can't afford to buy a house.
- The high school quarterback calls a time-out to answer his cell phone.
- The fastest part of your commute is going down your driveway.
- You know how to eat an artichoke.
- You drive your rented Mercedes to your neighborhood block party.
- When someone asks you how far something is, you tell them how long it will take to get there rather than how many miles away it is.

You know you live in New York City when:

- You say "the city" and expect everyone to know you mean Manhattan.
- You have never been to the Statue of Liberty or the Empire State Building.
- You can get into a four-hour argument about how to get from Columbus Circle to Battery Park, but you can't find Wisconsin on a map.
- You think Central Park is "nature."
- You think eye contact is an act of aggression.
- You've worn out your car horn.

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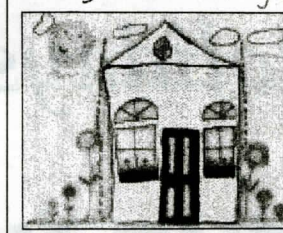
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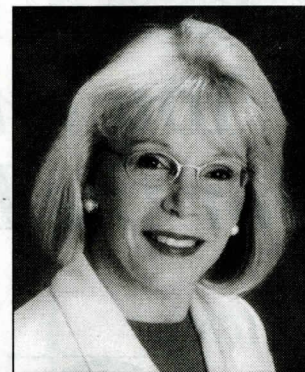
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By Elaine Dorff

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I need a mountain, a babbling brook.

I need the things that last.

I need the sails fixed to the mast.

Don't give me Wedgewood

For the shelf.

Give me the treasure
Of being myself.

Don't bother buying
That luscious mink.

Give the pleasure
Of letting me think.

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Love me, for me.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Submitted by Bob Browne

I have become a lot more social with the passing on the years; some might even call me a frivolous old gal. I'm seeing five gentlemen every day.

As soon as I wake, Will Powers helps me get out of bed.

Then I go to see John.

Then Charley Horse comes along, and when he is here, he takes a lot of my time and attention.

When he leaves, Arthur Ritis shows up and stays the rest of the day. He doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint.

After such a busy day, I'm tired and glad to go to bed — with Ben Gay!

What a life!

Memory Lane takes us to Griffith Park

By Lois Keeler

Today I thought we would stroll along in Griffith Park and its many attractions. First, a short history.

Originally a part of a Spanish land grant, Rancho Los Feliz, the park was named for its former owner, Col. Griffith J. Griffith. Originally from south Wales, Griffith emigrated to the United States in 1865. He made his fortune in gold mine speculations. In 1882, he settled in Los Angeles and purchased a 4,071-acre portion of the Rancho Los Feliz.

On December 16, 1896, Griffith bequeathed 3,015 acres as a Christmas gift to the people of Los Angeles to be used as parkland. This enormous gift equals five square miles.

The park is the larg-

est municipal park and urban wilderness area in the United States. Over the years, many wonderful recreational attractions have been developed. However, an amazingly large portion remains unchanged from the days Native American villages occupied the area's lower slopes.

So much to see, so little time to write about it. Among the many wonders are the Greek Theater with its great concerts, Travel Town, the Museum of the American West, (formerly the Gene Autry Museum of Western Heritage), the famous merry-go-round, Los Angeles Zoo and the famous Griffith Observatory, which recently reopened after a four-year renovation. More on this next time.

Incidentally, the mag-

nificent merry-go-round was built in 1926. There are 68 hand-carved and beautifully painted horses that all go up and down. Organ music plays with a selection of 1,500 marches and waltzes. I have many fond memories of riding those horses as a child, and who could forget the exciting miniature train ride?

Many of you have taken your children or grandchildren to Travel Town and enjoyed all its features. I remember wonderful birthday parties there for each of my children.

You can still reserve one of the historic turn-of-the-century passenger cars for a party. A ride on the miniature train is a must, as is the railroad museum. There's also hiking, horseback or pony riding, bicycling, ten-

nis, swimming and much more.

At present, there are four 18-hole golf courses. My friend Jerry Orth here in the Village tells me he played golf on a nine-hole dirt course there in 1929. You made tees out of wet sand. At that time, there were two regular grass courses named Wilson and Harding.

The time has come to say goodbye. I hope a lot of you have fond memories of adventures there, and maybe some of you can store up new memories at a wonderful place. As I said, next time the subject will be on the new planetarium. There have been lots of interesting changes.

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for the last three years. He has had an interest in photography for more than 40 years.

Judy has been involved with the Shuffleboard Club, and she saved the courts from being rebuilt for another purpose. She is now president of that club. Judy is active with the Rhythmette Club, which she helped to revitalize, and now serves as a director.

Jerry makes his services available to the Players Guild. He also provides his expertise to the Computer Club, where there is a strong tie-in to the Camera Club due to cameras now being mostly digital — actually computers themselves.

Jerry also provides services to the Welcoming Committee. Judy enjoys line dancing, and they are members of the newly formed Mavericks.

Here are some of their personal interests. Judy likes to hike and loves to walk, especially at the beach. She likes sewing, genealogy, books on tape, Mah-Jongg, board games and the game Hand and Foot.

Jerry's interests are trivia, puzzles, brain teasers,

numbers, mystery books and pinochle. They don't get too excited about movies. But, if they have to go, give Jerry a good romantic movie. They both prefer and enjoy plays.

Everyone has their quiet time interests. Jerry can spend hours at a computer doing digital modification to photography. Judy likes to look at things, such as bird watching, and she is active in the Audobon Society.

With all their interests, it seems that the intrigue always comes back to photography. Jerry does a lot of work for the Camera and Computer Clubs whenever the clubs work together on a project. As president of the Camera Club, Jerry has converted the club from film to almost 100 percent digital. Jerry is Staff Photographer for Inside Leisure Village.

As for camera skills, Jerry and Judy participate each year in the Ventura County Fair Photo Exhibit, and Jerry has had a first-place winner three years in a row in various categories.

Judy has received several Honorable Mention awards.

Jerry is proud of his work in the Leisure Village Lapidary Room. He made a chess set out of stone and

entered it in the Gem and Mineral Exhibit at the fair. He took first place. He has made numerous pieces of jewelry in the Lapidary Room for Judy. Additionally, they also help at the Leisure Village Fourth of July Picnic and the Leisure Village Art Show.

Vacation to Jerry and Judy is Santa Barbara, Santa Ynez, Laughlin, Las Vegas and visiting new places. They enjoy eating out and like Chinese and Greek food.

They sincerely believe that the Leisure Village lifestyle is the best and that all Villagers should take advantage of what the Village has to offer.

They believe in helping others, where they can, to further their interests and skills. They give new ideas to the Village and encourage people to share ideas with others. When they get an idea, they follow through! Needless to say, they follow the Golden Rule!

Contribution, devotion, generosity and caring have described this popular, remarkable couple who strive to keep Leisure Village the best in all respects. Thank you, Jerry and Judy. You are a team powered by love.

Editor's recipe: Chicken Kiev

Bone, skin, cut in halves and pound to a ¼ inch thickness 4 chicken breasts. Form into 8 rolls about 2 inches long and ½ inch in diameter.

Roll some pieces of butter lightly in a mixture of:

- 2 tablespoons chopped chives.
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley or tarragon.
- ½ teaspoon salt.
- ¼ teaspoon white pepper.

Place one of the seasoned butter pieces in the center of each half breast and roll so that the butter is completely enclosed. Secure with a wooden pick, if necessary.

Dust with flour.
Brush with beaten egg.
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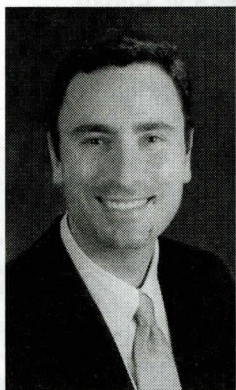
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WISHING

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the value of our property — and then bring the ideas to the homeowners through televised town hall forums for possible action.

Along that line, I wish the Board would improve its overall communication with homeowners. Let's face it, effective communication in the 21st century demands using 21st century methods. It takes more than a brief President's column in the Village Voice and a recitation of the Board's various actions at its Working and Open meetings.

The usual dismal attendance at Board Meetings is because there is no great controversy or homeowner "fear" issue to increase attendance, and most people are too busy or too distracted to give the hour or two required to attend meetings that are by their very nature arguably boring.

One wishes that the Board would make greater use of Channel 25 to create informative DVDs rather than just pointing cameras at the dais and the speaker's stand during meetings, as we do now, which only results in what some call "radio with pictures."

In place of that, or as a corollary, why not create a monthly program (eventually more often) presenting the Board or designated members in homey, sit-down "coffee klatch" discussions with a moderator, and include one or two relative "newcomers" to the Village to throw in their two cents.

The result could be an effective tool to get out information and get critical feedback from the Village to the Board.

For a completely different wish, consider expanding the walkways through our many Common Areas (greenbelts), enhance them with fountains or other creative and engaging ideas. That would improve the attractiveness (value) of

the Village while providing walkers with more pleasant environments than our two main streets and the few paths that now exist. Also, it would answer the wishes of those hoping to improve our overall cardiovascular health.

Finally, I wish more Villagers would say something nice about results of the landscaping efforts, the reclaimed water project (already saving us money), and the admittedly baby steps taken to update the look of our Village just by increasing our choices of the exterior paint on our homes.

Maybe after all the Chanukah candles and Christmas decorations have been put away, and our New Year's Resolutions noted, 2007 will find more of us coming up with new ideas for our community — at least that's the last of my wishes for now.

LV Motorcycle Diaries pick up on Day 10

Editor's note: John Wirtz, a resident of Village 20, went on an 8,352-mile cross-country motorcycle trip last year. His story, which began in the November edition, continues and will be told over the next few editions of Inside Leisure Village:

Day 10

Have you noticed that we have not gotten lost once in nine days? Today ended that good luck streak.

We took the Interstate 90 from Buffalo to Utica, NY. The toll was \$7.75 but saved us lots of time. From Utica, we were going to take backroads to Lake George. This is where I made my first mistake — but not the last.

We went 10 miles too far



John Wirtz of Village 20 traveled through 28 states.

on this road and had to turn and go back, so you do the math. One good thing was that we got gas, and had we gotten on the right road, we would have run out of gas because there were no stations on this road.

Back on track brought us to our motel, where we were going to stay for three nights. We emptied our bikes and headed down to Lake George Village, where

my friends were staying, about 20 minutes away. It was a Monday, but there were thousands of bikes already there for the rally. We hooked up with my friends at their motel and had dinner. Afterwards, we sat and watched the hundreds of bikes, trikes, and you name it go by on the main drag. When our necks got tired of seeing them go by, we went back to our room.

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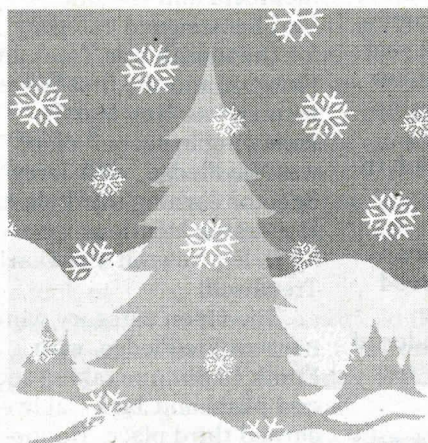
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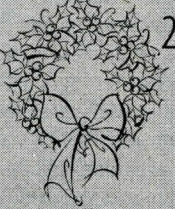
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Players Guild

By Stan Reshes

The Players Guild is holding its annual holiday dinner dance at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evening, December 21, in the AR. With Ottavio's restaurant catering the dinner and Jerry Dokken's band providing the music, this 15th anniversary affair, as always, promises to be an outstanding evening.

Installation of the new officers to the Board will also take place at the dinner.

Open to both members and non-members, there is a limited amount of tickets available. Cost is \$20 for members and \$23 for non-members, and they are going fast! For tickets and information, call Barbara Stone at 388-8867.

L.V. New York Club

By Gerry Schulman

The New York Club's annual Pizza Party is on December 7. It will be hosted by Rose and Mannie Abate. If the Dinner Dance and the Ice Cream Social are any indication, this event will be spectacular. The entertainment will be Bonnie Bowden, who is a fabulous entertainer and will make this a festive event. There are still tickets available. Call Rose or Mannie at 482-0642.

A special thanks to Phil Kamens, our entertainment chairman, for all of the great entertainment.

Remember: Your dues help us to put on the great entertainment that we continue to enjoy. It also permits you to attend member-only events. A new year is coming up, so remember to renew your membership. The members make this club the outstanding club in Leisure Village.

As the year ends, a special thanks to the Board members who have served this past year and have made the club the wonderful group that it is. Thank you.

Showtyme

By Phil Kamens

Showtyme presents on Monday, Dec 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the AR, Maybin Hewes in her autobiographical show, Still Struttin.

Maybin has worked in Las Vegas and was featured with such stars as Sammy Davis, George Burns and Carol Channing.

Maybin puts on a high-energy show that will be enjoyed by all. Be there! You will enjoy the evening.

Showtyme always tries to get the best talent available that we can afford. The more members we have, the more talent we can afford. So remember to pay your dues.

Camera Club

By Jerry Cohen

November's competition brought out a full house of members and visitors.

The Assigned category for the month was Trees and Flowers, and the first-place winner was Tiny Marsh. Following in second place was Vic Fledge, with Jerry Spector earning third place. Honorable Mentions were by Helen Newton and Don Treadwell.

The Open category winner was Vic Fledge, with Frank DeSimone taking second place and Jack Caldwell earned third place. Honorable Mentions were by Betty Murray and Jerry Spector.

In the Creative division, Judy Spector won first-place honors, with Jerry Cohen earning second place and Anne Prowizor taking third place. The Honorable Mentions were by Vic Fledge and Bill Robinson. Judging was by professional Dan Murphy.

Elections were held for 2007, and re-elected for president was Jerry Spector. The new vice-president is Anne Prowizor, with Ben Racowsky re-elected as treasurer. The new secretary will be Helen Newton.

The big event of the year is the annual awards banquet to be held in the AR on December 14. Joining us for this gala event will be the Computer Club as co-host.

Everyone is invited to competition nights the first Wednesday of each month

and program nights the third Wednesday. Meetings start at 7 pm in the MPR and refreshments follow. Join us!

LV Travel

By Eugene Foxman

All our trips require that you fill out a Registration Waiver Form. Please cooperate when asked to fill out the form, which is designed

to protect you and Leisure Village. Thank you.

We are preparing many trips which will take us into 2007. The following are being sold now:

- Primm-Buffalo Bill's, Dec. 5-7.
- Reagan Library, Dec. 12.
- New Years Eve, Dec. 31.
- Laughlin Flamingo, Jan. 16-18.
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Follies, Jan. 31.

• Reagan Library, Feb. 12.

• Primm, Feb. 13-15.
• Disney Hall Concert, Feb. 25.

Watch for announcements for future trips. Next April we will return to the Getty Villa. Later we will go to the Glendale Theatre and Death Valley. We also plan to visit the Griffith Observatory. And don't forget our Caribbean cruise in November 2007.

Please drop by the Travel Office and pick up the latest travel bulletin. You can also find the itineraries of the trips being sold currently.

L.V. Mens Golf Association

By Mannie Abbate

The next monthly meetings of the Leisure Village Mens Golf Association will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 2 p.m. with social time starting at 1:30 p.m.

The Holiday Party will be held in the AR on Friday, Dec. 15. Social hour starts at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Ticket sales will be limited to no more than 150 people, and no tickets will be sold after December 10, so get your tickets ASAP.

Barbara Ohmstedt is handling the seating reservations. She will set a table aside for you if you have 10 people who have paid tickets. If you want to sit together with fewer than 10, she will try to work that out but will fill in the table with others. This will be done on a first-come, first-served basis, so get your tickets and call Barbara at 987-2954 as soon as you can.

Country Harvest is the caterer again, and you will have a choice of Prime Rib, Halibut or Chicken. The Jerry Dokken Quartet will entertain us with holiday music, and the joint efforts of the LVWGA and The Billiard Club will help us make the decorations festive. The price this year will be \$22 each. Make checks payable to one of the three clubs. Tickets can be purchased from Betty Herrmann at 388-9696 or Joe Smith at 482-3038.

Due to the holidays, there will be open play on our Village Course on December 19 and 26.

We will play Buenaventura Golf Course on Wednesday, Dec. 13. First start will be at 9 a.m. Checks for \$24 payable to LVMGA should be put in the white box behind the glass in the display box next to the Ladies Golf Shack at the course. Pay for

carts at the course.

Ernie Ohmstedt will have the 2007 tournaments ready for distribution at the December meeting.

The best way for members to keep up with the various events available to club members is to come to the monthly meetings, check the bulletin boards at the course and watch Channel 25.

Women's Club

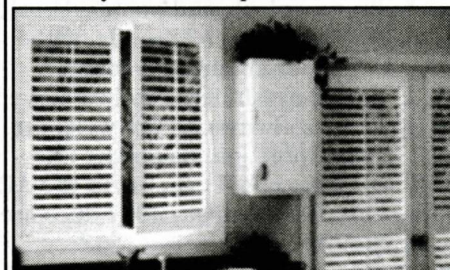
By Eldora Barton

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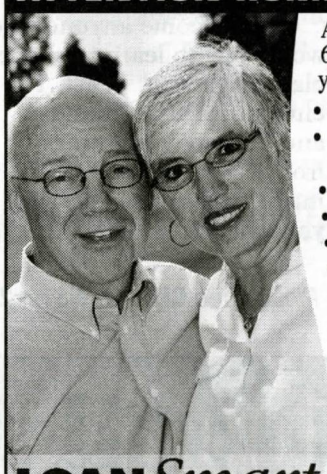
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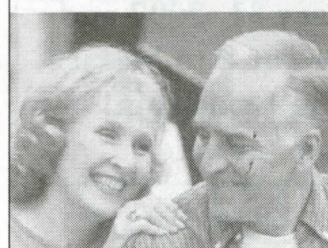
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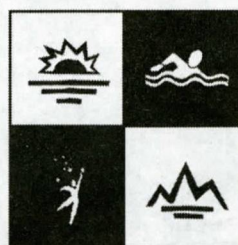
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for a new year's beginning. We all think about what has been happening the past 12 months in our lives. For the Women's Club, we have had a diverse array of activities, Workshop sales and lots of good entertainment, having fun and companionship along the way. We have just completed a successful Holiday Bazaar, selling many beautiful handcrafted items. Thank you, Villagers, for your support. We look forward to more of these activities. Planning for the new year is under way.

The last general meeting of 2006 will be Thursday, Dec. 7, at 1:30 p.m. in the AR, at which time a video review of the past year will be shown. (Aren't we in the Village fortunate to have a crew from Channel 25 that gives support to Village activities all year long? Thank you, Channel 25 crew!)

Also at this meeting, See's candy certificates will be on sale for \$12.35, and there will be a table of Workshop needlework and crafts shown for sale.

Then, on to 2007! At the January 4 meeting we will

have installation of officers. The entertainment will be provided by Tatjana, dancer, singer and actress who does everything from Broadway musicals and popular music to Carmen Miranda, with ever-changing costumes. Refreshments will be served, as always. All are welcome. Come join us for the afternoon at 1:30 p.m. in the AR. Don't forget: 2007 dues are \$5.00.

Shuffleboard Club

By Mary Barkemeyer

New officers are being selected, and new plans are being projected.

Whether you know how to play or not, you are welcome. Experts will show you how, and rules are available.

We meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays and practice for about an hour and a half at the courts in the annex area. Everyone is welcome. Enjoy the fresh air and make new friends.

For more information, call Judy at 384-9039 or Mary at 445-9963.

Ceramics Plus

By Aurelie Zachary

At our meeting October 26, we discussed our participation in the Art & Craft Show and the sale of items in the Ceramic Room on November 7.

We are pleased to report that the club has two new members: Reggie Katz and Norm Chapman. Both are experienced sculptors.

On November 7, members brought to the Ceramic Room items for sale. They were lovely items shaped by members of the club and reasonably priced. One table was loaded with interesting Origami items. Money received was deposited in the treasury to be used for supplies.

We welcome anyone who would like to learn to shape clay into a work of art. The club meets every Monday and Thursday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon. You might be surprised at what you can do!

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Village Painters

By Aurelie Zachary

At our November 1 meeting, we discussed the procedure to set up our paintings for the November 5 Arts & Craft Show.

A new board was nominated for 2007: President, Lorraine Comer; Vice President & Program Chairman, Margaret Buxkemper; Secretary and Publicity Chairman, Aurelie Zachary; Treasurer, Irene Davis; Membership Chairman, Bob Bond; Social Chairman, Marge Curry; Historian, Rea William; and Phone Chairman, Sylvia Wachter.

We were pleased to welcome two new members: Bernadine Fasching and Verna Cryder.

We viewed a tape on the life of Cezanne.

Paintings in the library for December are by Linda Stein.

The November 5 Arts & Craft Show was a great success. Clubs participating were: Camera, Ceramic Mold Decorators, Ceramic Plus (Origami), Lapidary, Village Painters and Woodshop. It was a great show of the talent in Leisure Village!

Country Western Line Dancers

By Ida Kubica

The Country Line Dance Workshop meets on Tuesdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Beginners or anyone wanting to refresh their dancing skills can come at 2:45.

The holidays are here again, even though we've had unseasonably hot weather in early November. To kick off the season, the Tree Trim Party will be in full swing on December 5 at 2 p.m. in the AR. This includes the cookie bake and tree trimming, with all Villagers participating. The Dance Workshop will

entertain with a few dances for your enjoyment. Other clubs and their members will also provide entertainment, and there will be a Christmas carol sing-a-long, where everyone joins in. Many of us do not decorate for the holidays anymore, so this event helps us celebrate in a fun way and meet new friends. Santa Claus will be there with his goodies also.

Our club will have its annual Holiday Party on December 19 at 3 p.m. in the AR. Plans for that will be discussed at the December meeting. Bring your ideas with you to the meeting. To have a successful party, we all need to participate in some way. Call Rhoda 484-8132 if you have any questions.

L.V. Womens Golf Association

By Lillian Turnbull

Happy holidays to all, and to all some great golf!

Our Christmas Regulation Golf and Holiday Luncheon will be on Wednesday, Dec. 6. Golf will be played at Camarillo Springs Golf Course at 7 a.m. and the luncheon will follow at the Crab House at 1 p.m.

Last year every player was presented with a Christmas gift from the club, a generous gesture, and much appreciated. We all await the surprise for this year!

The December 13 Weekly Tournament will be followed with our General Meeting in the AR at 2 p.m. Don't forget to get there early, about 1:30 p.m., for social time.

December 20 will be a regular Weekly Tournament.

To accommodate members that will be traveling to family for the holidays, the December 27 Weekly Tournament will be Open Play.

We wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We also invite all new residents to reach out to our Leisure Village Women's Golf Association. You will be more than welcome.

Saturday Night Dance

By Milan Weiss

It's been a wonderful year for the Saturday Night Party. Attendance has increased as more Villagers and guests discover the variations of the evening's entertainment. Dancing, good cheer and friendliness

all seem to run together on these evenings.

Halloween highlighted the last day of October, and there were lots of visitors in their innovative costumes — all of whom you know from the past. For example, there were witches who never fail to show up, there was Lady Godiva (wow!), a train engineer and a portion of the casts of many movies — the Wizard of Oz, Tin

Man, Dorothy, Scarecrow and Cowardly Lion; Norma Desmond from Sunset Boulevard; Zorro; the Joker; the Devil and Hawaiian tourists, to name a few. It was a wonderful turnout, and they all danced to the energetic music of Wyatt Haupt. Leisure Villagers know how to party, they're the best!

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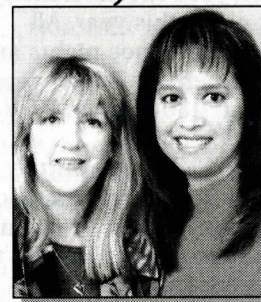
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this last month of the year. But, only three evenings of the Saturday Night Dance Party have been scheduled for this month as the AR is booked, as usual in December, for many events. Nonetheless, be there! You know the old saying, "We love to see you there!" And it's the truth!

The dance schedule:
Dec. 2, Jerry Dokken; Dec. 9, Rick Tucker and his Country Western band; Dec. 16, Jerry Dokken playing for all your special holidays that come this year. All scheduled dance nights are \$5 per person. The dances start at 7:30 p.m. and are on Saturday nights.

The SNDP committee thanks you for your support and participation. Without you, these nights wouldn't be as good as they are! Come back next year to the parties; they can only get better!

The SNDP committee members wish each and every one of you the very best for this year and the oncoming year. Happy holidays!

Farmers Club

By Joe Foraker

Individual patches are a beautiful green as winter vegetables thrive in the gorgeous autumn weather. Several patches will remain fallow during the winter, absorbing generous amounts of nitrogen brought by the winter rains. All patches should be watered by hand if winter rains are skimpy or late. The desirable microbes in the soil need water to complete their vital tasks.

Many thanks to Jerry Spector for creating last year's pumpkin festival and leading the second annual pumpkin event that corre-

sponds with Halloween. This affair has quickly become one of Leisure Village's top events of the year. The Farmers Club is proud to be the club sponsor. Even bigger plans for next year's affair are already under way.

Each patch keeper recently received a box of Dr. Earth, a super amendment for soil. For best results, members should save Dr. Earth until it's time to plant tomato plants, squash and other spring plants. A little bit can go a long way with rapidly growing seedlings.

Our club has a broad spectrum of gardening gurus, who are willing to pass on a few words of wisdom to those who are less experienced farmers. In the spring we will offer some workshops in the patches to demonstrate techniques that can make a big difference in the vegetable production from individual patches.

L.V. Exercise Group

By Milt Mankoff

Members of the Leisure Village Exercise Group will once again participate in the annual Holiday Good Cheer Visit to the patients at Camarillo Convalescent Hospital. This takes place in the latter part of December. Small personal gifts are distributed in little bags made by a number of people who also help with details.

Included, along with President Shiphrah Maller, are Stephanie Spiegel, Analiese Regen, Helen Newton and Mary Jane Parker. And, to top it off, Joyce Turner provides the music on the piano in her own inimitable style. Home-baked cake and cookies, along with other refreshments, help to make this a better day for

all.

Shiphrah will welcome all additional volunteers.

These brisk fall mornings are perfect for enjoying the exercise program. Created for use by senior adults, this routine of easy bending, stretching and cardiovascular movements helps to keep muscles and joints in well-oiled condition. It also is very good for improving balance. Many new participants enjoy the benefits as well as the new friends.

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Billiard Club

By Jack Quinn

Many thanks to the nominating committee of Barbara Ohmstedt, Mannie Abbate and Joy Hess for putting together a slate of nominees for the club's board of officers that will continue to make the Billiard Club the fun club of Leisure Village.

We appreciate the effort and time spent on the part of the outgoing Board of Officers. Let us all thank them for the tournaments and events throughout this past year that were fun and exciting.

We wish a successful year of 2007 for the new board consisting of: Bill Foeller, President; Kay Bell, Vice President; John Wirtz, 2nd Vice President; Diane Honick, Secretary; and Sharon Goren, Treasurer.

Our holiday dinner dance, together with the golf club, is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 15, in the AR. Contact Betty Herrmann at 388-9696 for tickets before the closing date.

L.V. Bowling League

By Lucy Fiore

Our Mixed Tournament ended on October 27, and the prizes were given to the following.

In Category A, Stan Feldman; B, Herb Roberts; C, Meriam Laird; D, Claudia Roberts; and E, Shirley McQuivey.

Results of week 7 for 200-plus games were Irv Cohen and Les Galvin. Side pot winners Darlene Alexander, Irv Cohen, Kathy Wirtz, Hal Liss, Betty Herrmann and Les Galvin.

Week 8 200-plus games were Norm Woody, Les Galvin, Bill Kirkpatrick, Al Schuster and Stan Feldman. Side pot winners were Esther Knopf, John Albany, Claudia Roberts, Al Schuster, Gerry Leibowitz and Phil Kamens.

Week 9 for 200-plus games were Les Galvin, Ray Cass and Stan Feldman. Side pot winners were Kathy Wirtz, Ray Cass, Sandy Rosenberg, Harry Lampert, Darlene Alexander and Stan Feldman.

The week of November 3 for 200-plus was Phil Kamens with two and Les Galvin. Side pot winners were Ruth Levine, Phil Kamens, Ginny Cordell, Bill Fox, Shirley Heller and Don Laird.

Jazzercise

By Cathy Friedman

We are planning a big party to celebrate our anniversary here in Leisure Village and to wish all a happy holiday. The party will be held in the AR on December 13. We will hold our regular class from 9 to 10 a.m. The party will begin right after class. There will be laughs, fun and refreshments.

New people: Come and join us and meet our great instructor, Renee, and the rest of us Jazz Girls. You don't have to do the workout, but you might like to see the class in action. You can work at your own pace, and it is a great way to keep in shape.

Remember the holiday season is coming and there will be parties and food — lots of food — that we can't resist. So, Jazzercise is the answer. Hope to see you there!

Racquet Club

By Anne Wolfson

The Racquet Club meets the second Wednesday of the month in the Multi-Purpose Room. We are a very active group of tennis, paddle tennis and table tennis players and welcome all Villagers to join us!

Kay Bell is collecting dues for 2007, so don't forget to get your check or cash to her at the next meeting on December 13 at 7:30 p.m. This will be a "wine and cheese" party for members!

At our November meeting, we had several of our members who entertained us with interesting stories and jokes. Macon Epps called it an "open mike" program.

Our new slate of officers will be: President, Lou Schwab; Vice President, Naomi Brill; Secretary, Betty Stallman; and Treasurer,

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Jerry Birnbaum.

A birthday cake was served in honor of Sy Ross and Al Feldman's "joint" birthdays. Ernie Slabotsky, also, was celebrating his 92nd birthday and is still winning tournaments!

Winners in the paddle tennis tournaments were: Louise Hauser, Betty Stallman, Ed Pollaine and a three-way tie of Howard Wasserman, Paul Treitman and Bob Kumler.

The table tennis tournament was won by Marion Sternberg and Sam Arouesty.

Don't forget to put December 13 on your calendar for the Wine and Cheese Party. See you then!

Solo Club

By Cleo Cooney

Members and guests of Leisure Village Solo Club will get together on Friday, December 8, to celebrate the holidays with a party in the AR. There will be a reception at 5:30 p.m. with

champagne, sparkling cider and hors d'oeuvre. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and will be catered by Jessica's restaurant. There will be chicken with salad, vegetables and rolls. There will be pie for dessert.

After dinner we will have our traditional gift exchange. Bring a wrapped gift and choose one to take home. Guests are welcome to join us for a fun-filled evening. The price will be \$19.

Please send a check to Doris Walton at 25308 Village 28 by December 5. Call Cleo at 482-8395 if you have any questions.

There will be no business meeting in December. Happy holidays to all of Leisure Village!

Square Dance

By Raye Gabriel

We are lucky to have Arlen Miller, who is known up and down the coast, as our caller. He is fun to square dance to, besides the singing and calling, making it an

enjoyable experience.

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The Mavericks

By Debra Guill

The Mavericks meet on the fourth Thursday of every month at 7 p.m., usually in the Garden Room. Everyone is welcome to join us. Dues are \$5 a year per person.

We did not have a November meeting, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

We are planning to have a holiday champagne and buffet dinner party on Thursday, Dec. 28, at 7 p.m. This dinner will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room, as it has room for a small dance floor. We will have holiday karaoke music, as well as music for dancing.

Since we will be purchasing food, wine and champagne for this party, we will need to know in advance how many of you will be

attending. Also, we did not make quite enough money from the "white elephant" auction we held at our September meeting to pay for the whole party, so Maverick members will be paying \$5 per person, and non-members will be paying \$8 per

person.

Please RSVP and pay by December 15 to: Aleta Howarth at 236-0040 and send checks to 11108 Village 11, or Natalie Moses at 383-0770 and send checks to 4217 Village 4.

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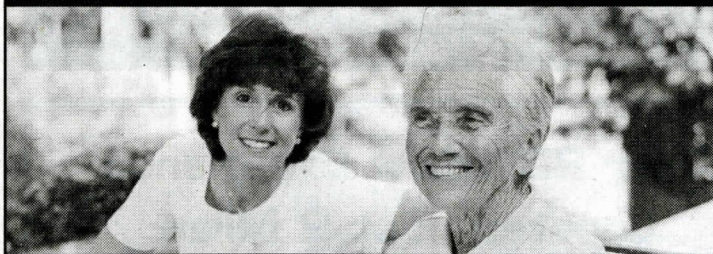
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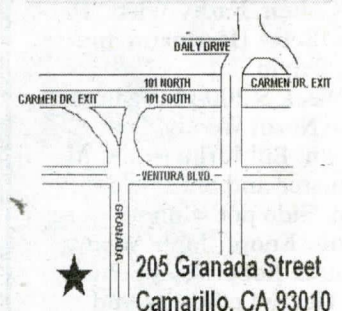
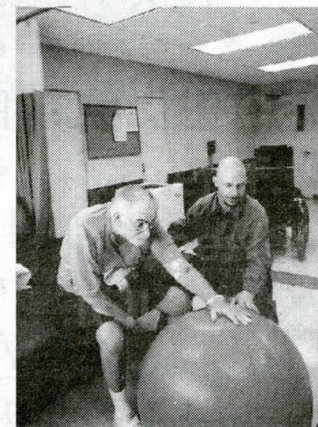
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By Raye Gabriel

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Woodshop

By Martin Alfred

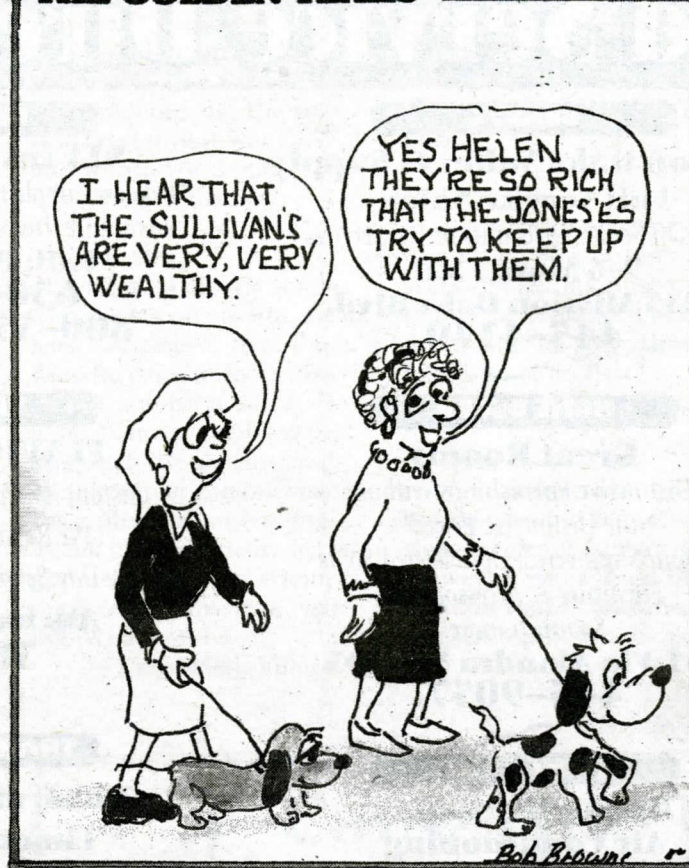
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Veterans Club

By Martin Alfred

The Veterans Club had no regular meeting in

THE GOLDEN YEARS



November and will have no meeting in December. It's holiday time, so have a healthy, happy season and an especially healthy new year!

Last month, we were invited to a Veterans Day program at the Santa Rosa Technical Target School. It's

an elementary school, first through sixth grade. It was a great feeling seeing and hearing these youngsters sing patriotic songs. We were very proud of them and touched to realize this was one of the main reasons

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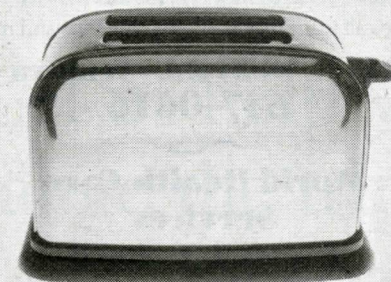
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Happy Hoofers

By Ida Zeller

If you went to the Players Guild November meeting, I know you enjoyed the dances performed by four of our Hoofers.

All our dancers know how important it is to exercise regularly. Besides being fun, tapping is a great way to burn calories and control body weight.

You can find us in the AR every Thursday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

The Hoofers wish all LV residents a healthy, holiday season.

Single Active Seniors

By Zelda Greentree

The Nominating Committee for Single Active Seniors has spoken! New — I mean continuing — members of the board are: Anne Haas, Nancy Kuebel, Della Carmona, Muriel Rosenkranz, Sharon O'Connor, Naomi Brill, Irene Olsen, Zelda Greentree, Barbara Chapman, Bobbie Comer, Richard Beeman, Marion Baxter, Ruth Weiss and Ginny Dunnion.

Our thanks to the Nominating Committee, who, happily, didn't have too many meetings to go to since everyone was happy to take on the next year with little or no change. Good job!

Oh yes, the committee: Max Heller, Betty Eisenberg, Ginny Dunnion, Judy Seigel and Zelda Greentree.

News and Views will be held on December 5. Please bring your "views and news" to the MPR at 7 p.m.

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Chili

1. Smoky Bowl by Stanley Bryer.
2. Simply the Best, by Geri De Simone.
3. Goulash Ghost Chili, by Alice Beumkes.
4. Chili Mandalay, by Shirley Francis.
5. Good Chili, by Barbara Swartz.

Pumpkin Carving

Best Carved:

1. Mortimer, by Jim Ronge.

Scariest:

1. Hairy Scary Spider, by Judy Spector.

Funniest:

1. The Plumber, by Jack Rosenthal.
2. Team Effort, by Estella Bjel.
3. Hawaiian Lady, by Clarice Shapiro.

Most Original:

1. Hazel's Cemetery Shoppe, by Mary Jane Porter.
2. Purple Passion, by Betty Herrmann.
3. Minnie Mouse, by Hildy Daniels.
4. Pumpkin Centipede, by Charlene Spector.
5. Map-Kin of the World, by Helene Sanchez.

People's Choice:

- Mortimer, by Jim Ronge.

Pumpkin Dishes

Soups, Casseroles:

1. Pumpkin Patch Soup, by Anne Robinson.

Breads:

1. Chocolate Pumpkin Bread, by Angela Catalano.
2. Pumpkin Cranberry Nut Bread, by Carol Cumming.

Cakes:

1. Harvest Spice Cheesecake, by Beverly VanVerMeulem.
2. Pecan Pumpkin Roll, by Sandi Ruben.
3. Cranberry Pumpkin Muffins, by Ida Zeller.

4. Pumpkin Spice Cake with Cinnamon Cream Cheese Frosting, by Carla Barbula.

Pies, Puddings, Cookies, Bars and Fudge:

1. Ernie's Favorite Pumpkin Bars, by Ali Slabotsky.
2. Pumpkin Fudge, by Rea Williams.

Costumes

Funniest:

1. Jack Be Nemble, by Al Law.
2. Babette, by Aurelie Zachary.
3. Bag Lady, by Shiprah Maller.
4. Mozo the Clown, by Naomi Balfour.

Original:

1. Diana Ross and the Supremes, Cathy Friedman, Joyce Belcher and Mary Ahearn.
2. Ace and the Queen of Hearts, Betty Herrmann and Ernie Ohmstedt.
3. Scarecrow and Dorothy, Homer and Helen Caston.
4. Little Miss Muffet and Spider, Billie Stimac and Norman Scanlan.

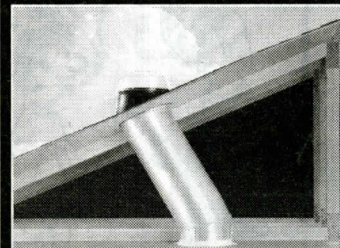
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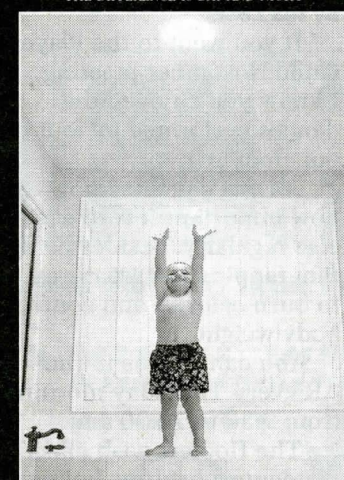


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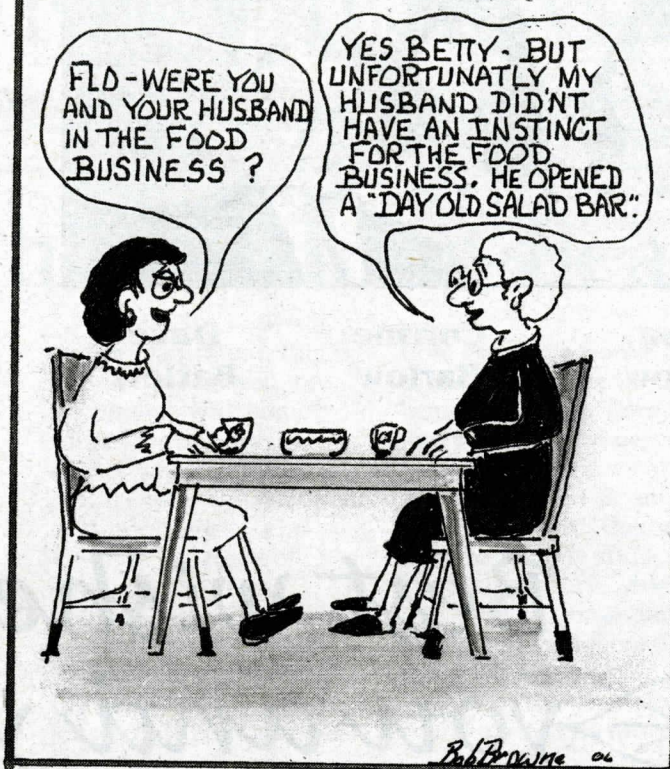
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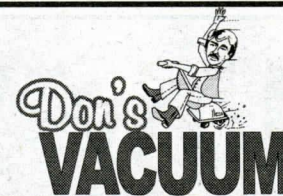


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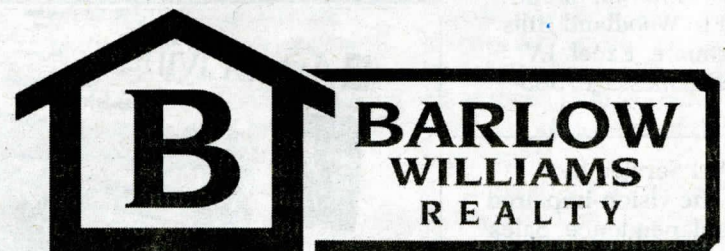
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