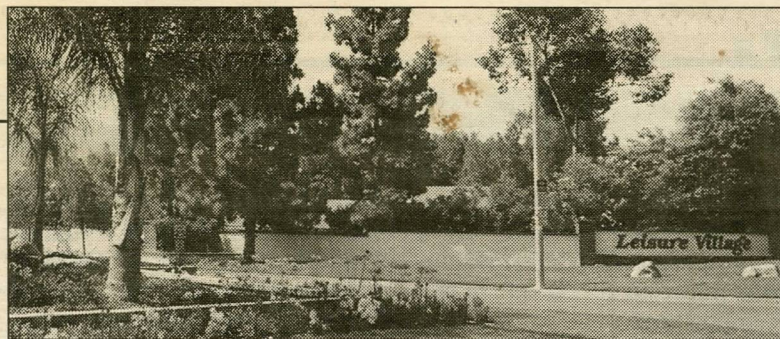


# INSIDE LEISURE VILLAGE



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## Don't forget to **Vote on Dec. 6**

The audience for the Board meeting of Oct. 5, 2001, was possibly the largest in the history of Leisure Village. More than 400 people

attended. It lasted more than four hours and was intensely followed. Approximately 40 people made a request to speak before the board, an all-

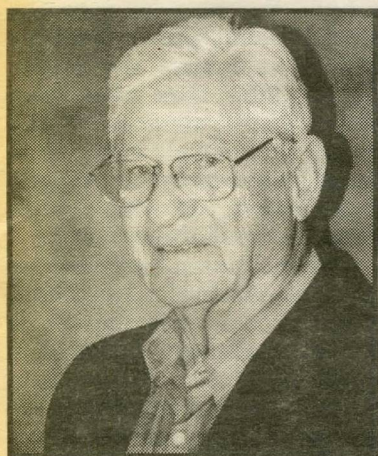
time record. People were expressing deeply-felt feelings and opinions that ranged from approval of the Board's actions to strong criticism and opposi-

tion. Emotions ran so high that one person had to be rushed to the hospital.

Obviously something is amiss. What has happened to

the tranquility and beautiful lifestyle of Leisure Village? Let us hope that good will and common sense will help us work things out.

## If the recall is approved, these will be the candidates:

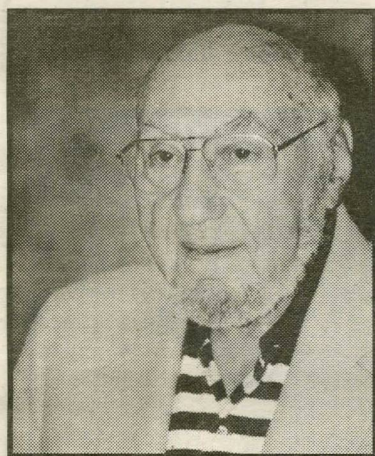


**Dan Davis**

"I believe that the system we have in place in Leisure Village is good if run properly. Of course, any system can be improved upon, and one of my recommendations would be to utilize our committees of experts to the fullest extent possible. By building a good team, our Village would run more efficiently and effectively. Good teams win ball games.

"I believe in fine-tuning

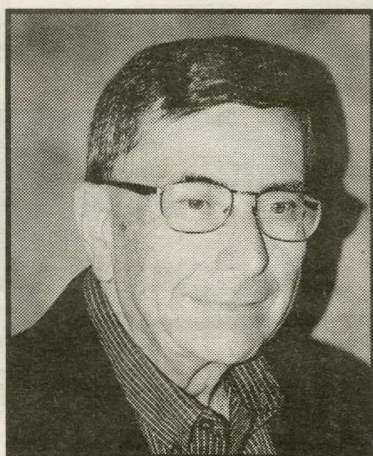
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**Jack D. Prosen**

"No man can accomplish things alone. I'm very interested in re-establishing all of the committees that were disbanded by this Board of Directors. I'm particularly concerned about the current economy and thus, determined to find ways and means of cutting excessive expenditures. One method I feel worth exploring, if the majority of the board would feel so inclined, would be to investi-

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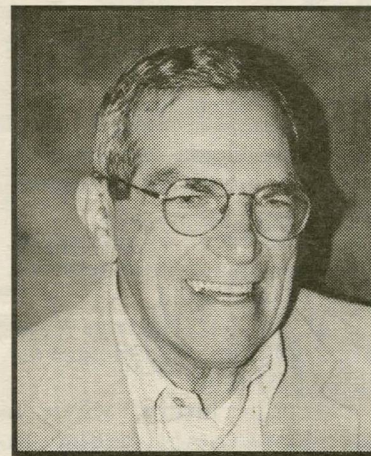


**Myron 'Mike' Shapiro**

"Our most challenging problems:

"First, controlling runaway expenses. My plan is to reduce every homeowner's future assessments by '\$1 million' for the first year, or about \$475 per year. This can become a reality by electing a cost-conscious Board. This reduction will be accomplished without sacrificing any modernization needs or upgrading our Village facilities. That savings can

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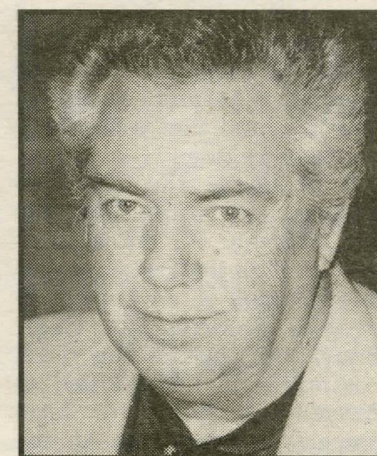
**Kenneth H. Wechsler**

(No statement submitted) LV resident since 1996.

Education and training: UCLA, B.S. in Business Administration (accounting); Hastings College of the Law, JD.

Work history: Five years, California Board of Equalization (sales tax), Haskins & Sells, and Office of Leo B. Helzel, Certified Public Accountants; 22 years, Bank of America and Farmers

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**Don White**

"I bought a home in Leisure Village in 1977 and moved in on a permanent basis in 1991 to take care of my ill mother. I've decided to spend the rest of my retirement years here. Since my mother's death, I have become increasingly aware of the upheavals and disruption in the Village. In order to bring civility back to the Village, protect property values, and assure that our financial expenses are

Please see **WHITE** on 17

## Byner will headline Dec. 1 Showtyme

Astounding impressions of stage and screen stars and other notables has won years of accolades for comic John Byner. He appears with songbird Marilyn King and the Dick Parent Trio in Showtyme's next big show on Saturday, Dec. 1.

Doing an incredible impersonation of the show's host,

As is customary, there will be no paper in December.

Byner found himself brought back to the "Ed Sullivan Show" for some 17 appearances. He earned a reputation as a favored guest of Jay Leno, David Letterman and Tom Snyder. He shared the stage with Sinatra, Torme, Diana Ross, Carol Burnett and Herb Alpert. And he guest-starred on TV's "Dharma & Greg" and "Silk Stalkings."

The youngest of the six King Sisters, Marilyn King is super talented. A songbird

with Alvino Rey, Les Brown, Ray Anthony and Freddie Martin, she has also filled guest spots on "MASH," voice tracks on "Sound of Music," "Tom Sawyer" and "Gypsy," and lead roles in "Hello Dolly" and "Guys & Dolls." She has appeared with Steve Allen, Johnny Carson, Merv Griffin and Mike Douglas.

Tickets for the evening are only \$15 for Showtyme members and \$18 for non-members. To purchase tickets, call Roz Feldman at 383-6566.



**JOHN BYNER**

## Board condemns ILV October issue

By **Sandy Okum**

The Board announced on Channel 8 that the ILV newspaper refused to publish letters in their favor in the October issue. This is not true. We wish to say that we were precise and fair in printing an equal amount of "for" and "against" letters. Because of limited space, we had to omit several letters, "for" and "against," and deeply cut the

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## LETTERS

Between \$12,000 and \$40,000 to vote on a recall petition? What a ridiculous figure to throw out to the homeowners.

I believe there are just over 2,100 homes in Leisure Village, but let's just say there are 2,200. First-class mailing comes to \$748, and bulk mailing would cost considerably less. The office, presumably, has its own copy machine, so I guess we should add another \$50 to use the machine. Office Depot recently had 20-pound paper on sale (4,000 sheets for \$14.95), plus envelopes (5,000 for \$17). Add another two hours' wages for the person typing and printing the letters, and another three hours for someone to stuff them in envelopes. As we are not privy to the salaries paid, I must estimate that cost to be approximately \$60. Add another \$50, for incidentals, including aspirin for the board: a grand total of \$939.95, and that estimate is on the high side.

I challenge the board to explain and justify how the rest is spent. We know attorney Lingl is the recipient of a large portion of our homeowner fees (courtesy of Chair Pratt). But, just as the recall committee is not entitled to Association funds for legal counsel, neither should the board to defend the petition. This is obviously a scare tactic by someone determined to hold on to the reins of power at any cost — ours. The board is employing scare tactics to avoid a recall. Don't be intimidated by these lies.

G. Robinson, V. 11

This letter is in reply to Nancy Stubbs' letter, published in the Oct. 12 issue of Inside Leisure Village.

Instead of believing what was ascribed to me in remarks I made at the Sept. 13 Garden Club meeting, the following is a correct and complete summary of these nonpartisan remarks:

"At the Open Board Meeting on Monday, a petition to recall Caroline Pratt and Ben Miller was presented to the Board. The cost of this process will be many, many thousands of dollars. I know because this was the cost the last time it happened.

"You who signed the petition should recognize not only the cost, but the divisiveness and dissension that will be experienced in Leisure Village. From experience, let me tell you it isn't worth it to cause such a severe problem in our wonderful community.

"Signers of the petition are already removing their names from the petition, realizing they didn't know what they were signing.

"Remember: Board decisions are made by majority vote. No one person is responsible.

"If the recall is successful, two new Board members will have to be elected.

"At the last election there were only three candidates for three positions.

"In the future, when a friend presents a petition to you for your signature, please get all the facts and understand the consequences of your decision."

Georgia Griswold, V. 22

We, the members of the association, are becoming aware of the inability and unprofessional manner of the Board of Directors in mismanaging affairs of our Village.

The Board has carelessly



**SERVICE AWARDS:** Employees of Leisure Village were honored on Oct. 3 for their long years of service. Above, from left, are five men who each have more than 20 years of service: Luis Ortega, Sergio Olivia, Herlindo Villa, Ramon Villa and Robert Jacquez. Below, Randolph Watkins, left, presents an award to Ray Rios, who has more than 25 years of service to Leisure Village.



spent our association fees for legal expenses that only satisfy their own goals, that will not benefit Leisure Village as a whole.

The Board has fired and/or caused the illegal termination of some security personnel that have sued and won their case against Leisure Village. This is money that we the homeowners have paid with our dues. Think about it the next time you make out a

check for your monthly fees. Where is your money going? Is it for personal gifts? Is it going to be mismanaged? Try to get a straight answer from the Board.

This money that is mis-spent could be used to trim the overgrown bushes in the Village, or some much needed items in the recreation center.

On another note, are you one of the homeowners that was told, "If you don't like the way things are, you can move out"?

The time has come to clean out the bad apples. Do not turn your back and say, "Oh, well." The recall election is near. Your vote will count. It is time for we the homeowners, as association members, to take control of our Village and get good board members to handle affairs that will be for the benefit of all Villagers.

Exercise your right. Get out and vote.

Jack Quinn, V. 1

## 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. We reserve the right to edit and/or condense. Place in ILV box.

Space permitting, whatever was not printed in this issue due to space limitations will be considered for the next.

## Deadlines for next issue

This is a combined November/December issue of ILV. The Display Advertising deadline for the January 2002 issue will be Monday, Dec. 24, 2001, at 5 p.m. Deadline for letters, club news, stories and photos is Friday, Dec. 28, at 5 p.m. Publication is scheduled for Jan. 18. 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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We have been residents of Leisure Village in excess of 20 years.

When we moved in, we were made aware of the Rules and Regulations that govern Leisure Village. We elected Board Members, and committees were selected to work with the Board in harmony, and to see that every effort is made to work together. I am certain when each resident decides to run for the board, he has studied and knows the Rules and Regulations. If elected, they are responsible to themselves and the residents of Leisure Village.

When five board members and the manager are putting in many hours to carry the workload of their position and obligation, there will always be possible changes and adjustments. No one person on the Board should seek or have the power to control the Board. When differences of opinion arise, every member of the Board should truly evaluate all other Board members' suggestions and stop playing politics to get control of the Board.

All the statements lead up to the manner the Board decided to remove Dan Davis as the Chairman of the Architectural Committee. There is no other person on this committee with the structural contracts Dan has. He has been working with this committee for many years, training and helping others to be able to work for the committee.

Dan Davis, chosen to be head of the Architectural Committee, worked hard at this position, and every effort was always made to improve Leisure Village. He works with the Board any time on plans, advice or whatever. It is impossible to understand the logic and manner in which the Board acted. If the Board made a true effort to work in harmony, Dan Davis would not have been replaced.

Why does the Board make efforts to control the Building Department personnel who reviewed permits by Dan Davis with constant approval?

We both regret the manner of the action of the Board. Get out of politics and begin using common sense. What a tremendous loss to Leisure Village.

Ed and Lillian Williams, V. 31

I just read the October Village Voice and didn't see any homeowner comments from Ed Stein, Ken



## LETTERS

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Wechsler, Ed Evans, Ethel Ann Pemberton, Donna Duke, Dan Davis, or Cathy Quinn. Yet there were many comments from the Board slamming those homeowners.

Since when is the Village Voice the Board's personal tabloid? It's my understanding that the Open Board Meeting is a forum for the homeowners to address concerns about the operations of the Village or other matters of homeowner concerns. It's not to be used for the personal agendas and vendettas of Board members.

If I could sign the petition twice, I certainly would.

Marie Young, V. 11

He has the right to criticize who has the heart to help." — Abraham Lincoln.  
Sharon O'Connor, V. 41

Never before have the homeowners in Leisure Village been targeted by a reigning Board of Directors for the kind of onslaught that we have suffered in recent months. The narrow-visioned dictatorial approach of our present so-called leadership has increasingly placed us in a position that is dangerous to our property values and to our Village way of life.

Our treasury has been burdened by unnecessarily increased legal fees as well as added management costs. To cover these added costs, our monthly assessments are in danger of an upward move.

In the past, much of our Village success and efficiency has been due to the work of a large group of homeowners who have volunteered their

time and efforts toward the solution of Village problems through committee work. This present Board has taken a god-like dictatorial approach to our volunteers, resulting in removal by the Board of effective and dedicated committee people, as well as resignations that have hampered the smooth-running machine that has heretofore made our Village effective and productive.

We can no longer tolerate the "know-it-all" finger-pointing dictatorial leadership that has assumed command of our Leisure Village that is "home" to us. Yes, we want "leadership," but we want compassionate leadership that will serve our needs through a sincere desire to be of service to us.

Please vote for the recall. It is necessary and fair.

Myron Shapiro, V. 31

We elected a Board to run the business of the Village. They serve without pay and put in long hours. While I may not always agree with the actions of the Board, we cannot recall them if we do not agree with their decisions.

Frivolous suits like these are sure to break our treasury. Perhaps those who initiate a recall should pay for half of the expense.

If a recall is successful, there will always be a new one, again and again. Vote no recall.

Albert Gladstone, V. 39

I worked in purchasing for approximately 40 years, and my duties encompassed all functions, from purchasing agent to manager of purchas-

## Diabetes class Nov. 28 is free

Free diabetes classes are being offered at Leisure Village on Nov. 28 by the Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association.

The class runs from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Village Room. The sessions introduce basic information about Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes, with emphasis on the development of an individualized plan of care that includes diet, medication, exercise and blood sugar monitoring. New developments in diabetes and common management problems will be addressed.

Free literature and demonstration equipment will be available.

No registration is necessary. Information: Linda Hampson, RN, 642-0239, ext. 723.

es. After retiring and moving to Leisure Village, I felt I could be of assistance to the Village, so I volunteered my services to the PRC. After a time, the Board requested that I be chairman of that committee.

A major portion of our responsibilities were to review the approved budget and develop sources of procurement in support of major purchases where costs exceed \$3,000. Our committee consisted of members who worked

diligently to follow those rules and procedures set by the board.

But when the Board circumvented its own rules by allowing staff to make purchases of more than \$3,000, and then allowed the EAC and General Manager to dictate terms of procurement, I resigned, along with other committee members, leaving a committee of three.

I do not consider the chair of the EAC or General Manager capable of deciding when the PRC should ask them for assistance. This is tantamount to saying, "While we have a chair of the PRC, we do not consider him capable of calling other committees for assistance when needed, so we'll vest that decision in the General Manager." This is a direct affront to my expertise as a purchasing professional.

Committees are not permitted to do their jobs, and as a consequence, we're losing valuable committees and members in all disciplines.

I support the recall and urge you to do the same for the good of the Village.

Vincent Freeman, V. 3

I am getting fed up with the Board's censorship of news. Their fingerprints are all over Channel 8 and the Village Voice and the rebuttals at the Open Board Meeting. This is all propaganda, not news.

Also, I am not impressed by the many hours that they spend at meetings. I'd rather

hear that they are making proper policies rather than how hard they are working. The real reason for working so many hours is because they choose to micro-manage and control.

With reference to the Village Voice, it is full of Board comments, not comments of many concerned homeowners. Is that fair and balanced journalism?

Channel 8 and the Village Voice belong to the homeowners, not the Board. This is censorship at its worst.

If anyone has questions about what the Recall Election is all about, read and re-read the Oct. 12 edition of the Inside Leisure Village letters to the editor and then make up your mind.

Minna Rappaport, V. 33

Several homeowners were personally attacked at the October Open Board Meeting by untruths, me included. Although I was a Director when Mr. Griswold's recall occurred, I had nothing to do with it. Three Directors stopped the recall, which was done with dignity, not like now. Mr. Griswold was removed as president because he wasn't a team player, micro-managed the staff, and created friction among Directors. He called secret meetings with other Directors to defame me but couldn't prove his accusations.

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Caroline Pratt's attack was likewise untruthful. I've served this Village as a volunteer for four years, on the Board as President and Vice President, various committees, three years on Security & Safety, Secretary of the Insurance Committee and Acting Chair, but resigned due to the Chair's dictatorship. Lastly, I served on the Finance Committee for three years until the Board failed to renew my application recommended by the Chairman. Angry? No. Vindictive? No. Disgusted? Yes. The Board's duty is to manage the homeowners' business affairs, not their personal affairs.

The only contact many homeowners have with LVA affairs is through the Board-controlled Village Voice. The Board lets us know what it wants us to know, which isn't always truthful.

We need a Board who will stop violating LVA-governing documents and state laws, stop running up \$100,000 legal bills, restore harmony to our Village, and be accountable to the homeowners. If you agree, vote for the recall, or live with dissension and excessive spending for years to come.

Donna Duke, V. 7

Director Miller accused me of resigning as Board Secretary because I couldn't hack the job. My resignation, attached to the minutes, clearly states that I resigned due to health problems. I was under a doctor's care for bronchial asthma. I'll address the other lies about me in another forum.

I remained on the Board and discovered that Association Counsel filed court documents four days late and were rejected by the Court. However, he still billed us. I requested a refund due to his error and recaptured \$1,900 for the homeowners. In addition, counsel advised the Board that it had a very good lawsuit against a Homeowner, alleging he was a vexatious litigant for filing several frivolous Small Claims actions against the Board. The Board relied on counsel's representations, believing he had researched the lawsuit before filing it.

I recently discovered that a vexatious litigant is a person who has commenced, prosecuted or maintained at least five litigations in the immediately preceding seven-year period other than in Small Claims courts. After spending more than \$50,000 in legal



**OUNCE OF PREVENTION:** Flu Program Coordinator Linda Hampson, R.N., gives a flu shot to Sandy Okum, President of Your Neighbors Care Group, making his the last of the 719 shots administered on Oct. 3.

fees to maintain an improper lawsuit, LVA dismissed it. If you had cost your employer \$50,000 needlessly, you would have been fired.

I urge you to consider this \$50,000 spent for a lawsuit that never should have occurred, and the \$30,000-plus for the CC&R Encroachment Amendment adopted 18 months ago that still isn't resolved. Those two items alone cost more than \$80,000 — \$37.45 from each residence pocketbook — and we're worried about 91 cents for a recall?

Ethel Ann Pemberton, V. 37

At the last Open Board Meeting, Director Sweeney said, "Why worry about the costs of lawsuits, because our insurance pays them." Ms. Sweeney, homeowners pay for lawsuits or claims, either in attorney's

fees or higher insurance premiums.

When the insurance committee was operational, Farmers Insurance refused to renew our master policy because of LVA's massive insurance claims. Refusal of renewal is cancellation, and once you're refused renewal, it's tough to secure insurance from any carrier. Our committee resorted to alternatives and sent out bid packages increasing our deductible. Some carriers still refused to bid. Because of LVA's high claim loss, we're paying higher premiums for a higher deductible.

As a committee, we had control over the bid process, but since the Board hired a broker of record, that broker controls that process. Now, we don't know whether services are duplicated or we're getting less for more money.

Insurance Committee

members resigned because the Board wouldn't let us function as a viable committee. Everything had to go through the Board and General Manager. We couldn't contact brokers direct; we even had to check with the Board about questions to ask brokers. No committee can function under those conditions. After disbanding, the Board abolished the Insurance Committee.

No Director has the insurance expertise that our committee had. But as long as this board remains in office, our committee has no desire to work under its dictatorship. We need board and committee members working together to advise the Board how to save the Village money. That's one of the reasons why I support the recall election.

Edward F. Evans, V. 3

I have been attending board meetings and have listened to the homeowners' comments. Unless you attend in person, you don't know what the homeowners say, nor do you get to see the reactions

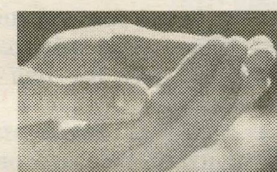
of the Board and the audience. I was shocked when I read the latest Village Voice and would be embarrassed if future homeowners read it. Perhaps we need an independent person to edit it for us.

I have personally contributed, at my request, to the LV Recall Committee. I think everyone should know that the expenses of mailings by the Recall Committee are being paid for by individual homeowners, while the Village Voice comes out of our association dues.

Mary Ann Hamren, V. 37

Neither the Board nor our legal counselor should have entered the field of subdivision and subdivision maps without professional guidance. But they did and got themselves into trouble by endorsing an "encroachment" theory that was flawed from the very beginning. As references, they used sale brochures and incorrect plot plans in lieu of the official recorded map.

This has been ongoing for a

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year and a half with no closure, but plenty of problems have resulted. From my perspective, the most severe of the problems is the loss of the best architectural committee this Village has ever assembled — probably gone forever as a result of a Board and a legal counselor who didn't know that they didn't know. Sad indeed!

Bad news travels fast; it's all over Camarillo. A homeowner tried to get a general contractor to do her job. He had never before worked in Leisure Village but had heard about Caroline Pratt and preferred to not work here. Sad! Tongues are wagging at the City Hall all about the flawed encroachment theory. Real estate brokers are required to alert the prospective buyers about the hold on patio structures and garden walls and claim they have lost sales as a result. We don't fully understand all the collateral damage which resulted.

We should be thinking about the equity in our homes and the market value of the Village in total. When the vacancy factor goes up, the market prices go down. It's happening in front of our eyes.

Now that the recall of the Board petition has been instituted, the Board, in an attempt to vindicate themselves, have been digging themselves deeper into the quicksand by their shameful actions.

Homeowners have asked me to refute the lies which the Board has directed at me, and I suppose I should, but that's petty stuff. I feel I know who I am, and I am comfortable with that. I'd rather deal with the things that matter to the Village. Personal attacks and the twisting of the truth with the intent to deceive is conduct unbecoming a Board member. We have entrusted them with \$6 or \$7 million of our money and we have a right to expect them to act properly and make correct judgment calls. A couple of Board members have tried to impress us with their educational achievements in their former life. Wonderful! It reminds me of my mother, who had very little schooling but what she lacked in education she made up in stature and common sense. Henry Ford made an issue of that: He said he was able to hire plenty of Ph.Ds, but how difficult it was to find people with common sense.

Dan Davis, V. 33

I am amazed at the Board's gall in asking homeowners to remove their names from the petitions without a reason. The Board is doing the intimidating and clearly using its influence to remain on the Board. That's a conflict of interest. The announcement is being run three times during every 15-minute run, and is made to sound as though there is some urgency in removing names. I understand that the LV Recall Committee lawyer called up our Association Counsel and quoted California law to him that "removing names will have no legal effect on the recall process." So why aren't the homeowners made aware of that fact?

In essence, the Board is using Channel 8 to campaign for themselves, which is certainly not conduct that Board members should be engaging in.

In the first place, Channel 8 should not be used for political purposes. This is just another example of the Board forcing their will on the homeowners. Why not let the recall process go ahead and let the votes fall where they may? Isn't that the democratic process?

Reginald Topping, V. 20

In the September Village Voice, the General Manager announced a savings of \$48,457.20 from last year's green waste pickups. What's happening to all that money? Will the homeowners get their association assessments reduced? Or is that money going into our attorney's pocket to keep all of LVA's lawsuits alive? The homeowners have a right to know, or the Board should go.

Bill Stubbs, V. 39

This is being written the week of the terrorists' attack, a time when our country is in mourning. It's time we put our L.V. problems in proper perspective.

Our country has been devastated and we, here, are agitated by the discord and dissension going on at the Board and our community. Why cannot the Board and residents discuss their differences with reasonable discourse, not with quibbling and disdain?

We are all stakeholders/shareholders in this beautiful Village, so let's retract the recall petition and start bonding in the spirit of unity, instead of scrapping.

As has been so simply and succinctly said: Why can't we just get along?

Della Carmona, V. 31

Another recall -- estimated materials and mailing costs \$2,000. And who has forced us into this?

One of the circulators was a sour-grapes chairman who lost his committee (several of the sponsors are also members of that defunct committee). I am told other sponsors include previous Board members and

various well-known dissidents from the Village.

Consider this before voting for the recall. So far, Board action is stymied. Expenses for this caprice are mounting, and we Villagers are the ultimate sufferers. And we all lose.

How many of these consistent malcontents are ready to

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run for the Board? Where were they in the last election?

Do the right thing when you vote.

George E. Pilon, Jr., V. 13

After watching open Board meetings and reading the minutes of the working boards, I find the Board continues to violate "The Common Interest Development Open Meeting Act," which states: "Executive sessions shall contain only personnel matters, third party contracts, members' discipline and litigation."

Where do committee reports, meetings with committee chairpersons, board comments and reports, unscheduled motions that are not listed on the agenda, and other such items fit into this law?

The Board president sets the agenda and has for the past three years, but continues to conduct business in executive sessions that is in violation of state laws. Where is our attorney? Does he advise them this is OK? He should tell them, in writing, these violations are wrong and they must not continue. If he represented the Villagers, he would stop this misconduct, but we know who he represents: "The Board."

Maybe the attorney needs to be recalled, as well as the Board. After all, who pays his fees? He needs to represent the hand that feeds him.

Dave O'Connor, V. 13

Facing the reality of our national emergency and our sinking economy, the action to proceed with the recall of two L.V. Board Members seems insignificant, ill-timed and inappropriate.

Let's drop the petition to recall those two members whose terms will be up in June. The Recall Election would probably be on the calendar for this December at an approximate cost of \$12,000.

The Architectural Committee and an Ad Hoc Committee have met and will continue to meet until a satisfactory solution is found to the encroachment problem noted in the petition -- a solution that will best serve our total community. The other reasons for recall seem to be very personal, festering, and not relevant to the present.

Please give the new members of the Board of Directors the chance to make the changes necessary to address your concerns with less turmoil.

Perhaps in the best interest of encouraging tranquility in the community, Carolyn Pratt would consider giving up the position of President of the Board.

Bobbie Comer, V. 38

In the August Village Voice, Chair Pratt announced the appointment of Dan Davis, Chair of the Architectural Committee, to a 3-year term. At the end of August, Dan Davis was terminated by the Board of Directors. From reading the CC&Rs, Article 6.2, death or resignation of a member is discussed. However, no mention of termination of a Architectural Committee member appears anywhere in the CC&Rs. The Board may argue that the Committee Orientation Handbook states that the Board can appoint, remove or replace committee members, but that provision does not apply to the Architectural Committee.

You homeowners have a right to know that the Board asked Dan Davis to change a specification that Dan felt was in violation of the CC&Rs, and he refused to change it.

Is this just another instance of payback by the Board because Dan Davis would not go against his integrity and violate the CC&Rs?

In any event, I'd like to know by what authority the Board terminated Dan Davis as Chair of the Architectural Committee when that was clearly not an option available to them.

Ted Olson, V. 33

Judging from the recent letters appearing in Inside Leisure Village, it would

appear that all homeowners are unhappy with and opposed to the present Board of Directors. The truth is that these letters represent only a small, but very vocal minority. The current drive to inflict a recall election on us is just another manifestation of how a minority tries to annul the vote of a majority. Our Board was elected by most of us and answers to most of us. We think they are doing as well as is possible despite the sniping and disruptive tactics they have faced. Honest dissent is fine and welcome. The present Board has been in office only a few short months. It would appear, however, that this vocal minority is a carryover from before. If they can't have their way, then they just won't play. Those who make the most noise about spending money unnecessarily seem to have no problem with wasting about \$12,000 on the cost of an unnecessary recall election. And, who would they propose as replacements? "Methinks they protest too much!" It is time for sanity to prevail once more. Majority rule is still our way of life. Say "no" to the recall election!

Milt and Lil Mankoff, V. 17

In the midst of my retirement in the idyllic environs of Leisure Village, I am dismayed by the very vocal cries of a small minority whose apparent program is to disrupt that tranquility. Instead of being thankful for the many hours (20 to 30 per week) that the Board members donate in the service of our community, they spend their time trying to counter each and every action of the

Board in an effort to promote their own selfish agenda.

Consider their misguided efforts at a recall of Board members, for example. If suc-

cessful or not, the cost to the Village could be \$10,000 to \$15,000 to fund the mailings and hold new elections --

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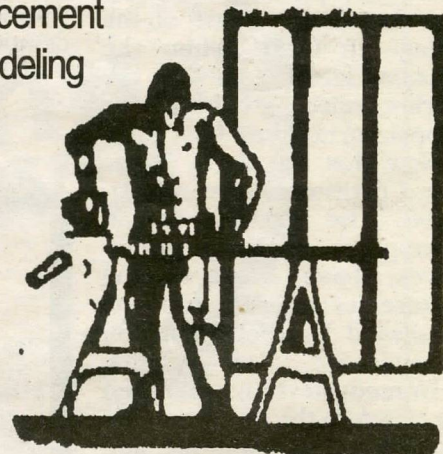
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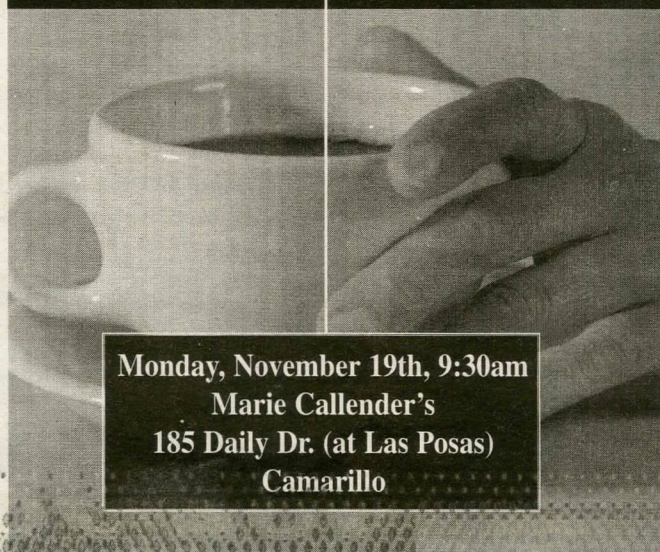
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money that could be better spent on maintaining this Village. And if they should by some stretch of the imagination succeed, the practical result would be that the vacancies would be declared and new elections would be held about January. And all to unseat two people who will finish their terms in June at any event. Small minds, small thinking.

Instead of carping about our Board members, we should be thankful that there are people willing to give of themselves for the greater good. If we ever have to pay for professional managers, it could cost us some half a million dollars a year to replace them. They are trying to keep our costs in line while giving us the best living conditions in the state. We elected them - support your Board!

Robert Nathan, V. 44

In June's issue of the Village Voice, I was surprised to see that by general consent the Board approved \$374 reimbursement assistance for Sgt. Garcia to attend the real estate school. What have we, the homeowners, got to do with his education in the

real estate field? I find this so ridiculous that it's laughable. Is this another bonus? Also, a few months ago, another gate facing the creek was installed next to my house without any notice to me and the other neighbors. They are directly affected by this unnecessary and foolish expense.

When I bought my house, I paid \$13,000 more for the location, privacy and view and the assurance that we have three security gates. The rest of the Village is surrounded by the fence and hedges, which were pruned every couple of months so as not to interfere with the view. The Board and our General Manager should bear in mind that this gate is an eyesore and it depreciates the value of our property. I assume that Mr. Watkins was trying to help the gardeners and make their job easier so as not to climb over the fence when they pruned twice a year; they've been doing it for more than 20 years. I'm sure they could have continued for 20 more without any problem. From what I can see, the Board is not protecting the interests of the owners, but the gardeners who are paid to do a job.

Helen Dobrescu, V. 34

I am personally getting sick and tired of reading these mostly irresponsible letters, full of erroneous data -- in many instances outright lies -- condemning our Board members. They are all hard-working volunteers who unselfishly are trying their best to serve us all. Are they perfect? No. Do they make mistakes? Yes. But that does not give us the right to insult them, nor to criticize them in degrading, vituperative ways.

To all you criticizing letter writers, I must say: Think before you make irresponsible statements. Stop making it impossible in the future to get decent, competent people from wanting to serve. Run for the Board if you don't like the ones whom we had elected.

Ed Hawthorne, V. 42

Since the new Board of Directors has been functioning, there have been many obstacles and stumbling blocks to a smooth running term of office. They have dedicated themselves to investigating and compassionately settling problems with which they are faced. We are fortunate to have such an intelligent group at the helm of the Village decision-making process.

These dedicated and hard-working leaders deserve our gratitude and cooperation for their intensive efforts. We owe them a vote of confidence for all the hard work and long

hours they have invested in these unpaid volunteer positions. Please let them do their job to the best of their ability.

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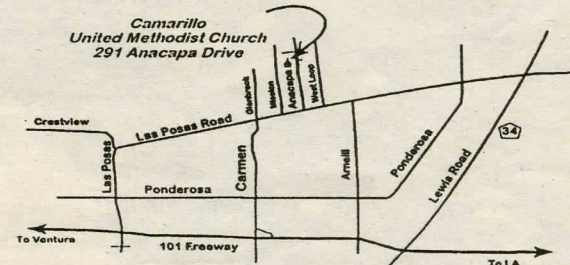
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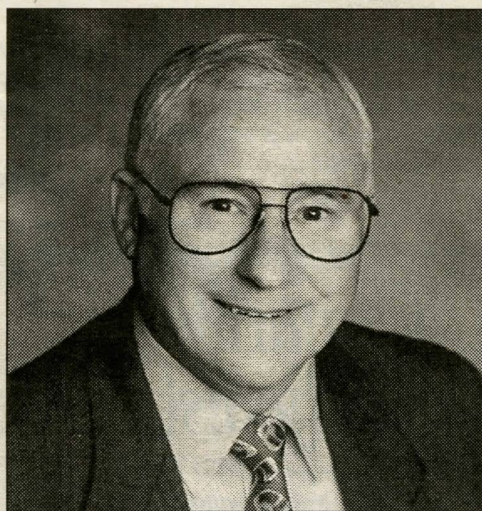


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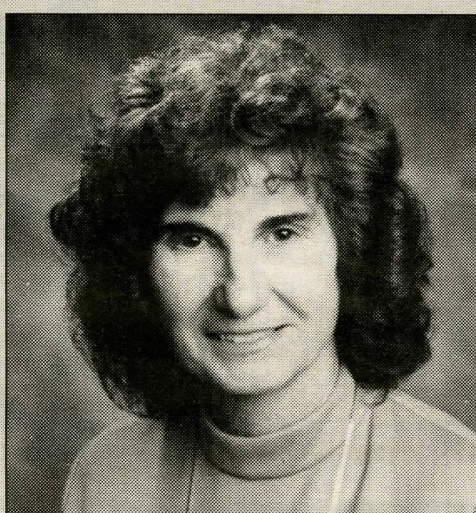
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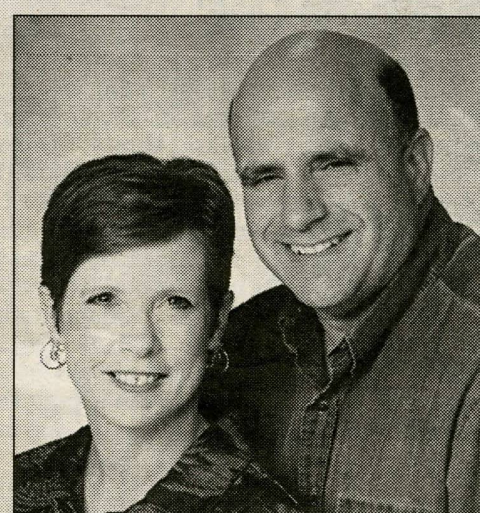
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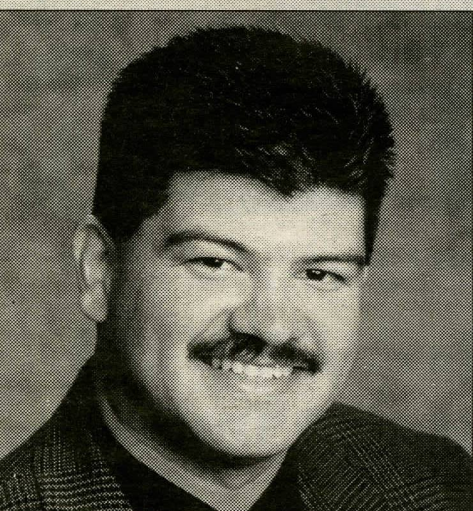
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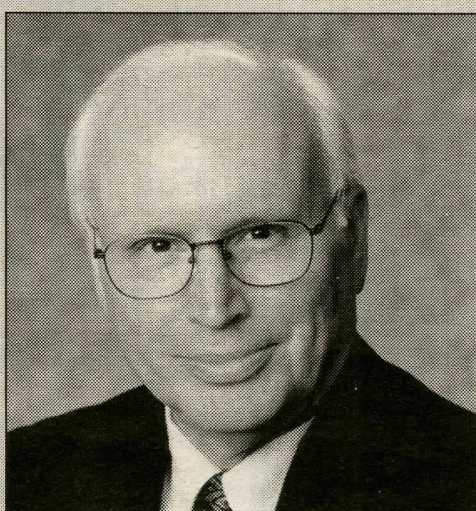
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This constant dissension and criticism serves no other purpose than to add to the confusion.

We should continue to thank them for all their tireless efforts on our behalf and wish them good health and the strength to "overcome."

Rosalyn Gleimer, V. 18

When I hear complaints about our Volunteer Board Members, my first question is: Are you willing to give of your time to take that person's place? My second question is: Are you a person who makes a full-time occupation out of criticizing those who are willing to serve?

If we judge our Board not by what they say, but by what they accomplish, I think we will see the dedication and thousands of hours given to making Leisure Village a better place to live.

Half the battle in administrative work is coming up with sound plans. The second half is seeing those plans into accomplishments. I think these two boards have done both of these very well:

1) A new entrance we can be proud of.

2) Pool area remodeling and refurbishing so we can enjoy both its cleanliness and its beauty.

3) Beautiful paint jobs to look lighter and brighter.

4) Trees thoroughly pruned so that the light can now get

through.

5) All kinds of maintenance upgrades.

6) Increase in committees and volunteers to carry on more accomplishments when these people leave office.

7) Cutting of expenses in green waste hauling and water conservation.

Etc., etc.

I wish to be counted amongst those people who appreciate and are grateful for the service given to Leisure Village by all volunteers.

Don't you dare list me as a person who wants a recall!

Joan Pilon, V. 13

When I read our supposedly unbiased "Village Voice," it read like a typical election campaign "public relations" spin job. It reminded me of Shakespeare's "me thinks thou protests too much." It exemplified our current board's one-sided dictatorial method of operating.

In order to do what I believe is best for both the residents of Leisure Village and the Leisure Village Association, this board should be changed to a board that puts the needs and desires of our residents first and foremost.

In order to get a majority on the board, a minimum of three directors must agree to any changes. Since only two board seats would be available in our upcoming election in June, the only way to make these changes as soon as possible and attempt to get a majority

on this board is by using the recall method. I, like most of you, don't like dissension, but I certainly dislike dictatorship even more.

I think that all residents would be better informed about current board members and candidates running for the board if an open forum were held allowing current and potential board members to state his/her vision for the future of Leisure Village and its residents. Having an impartial but though moderator who spells out the ground rules ahead of time and who will be firm in following them would be a big help in assisting the Villagers to make an informed decision about the leadership best suited to their needs, pocketbooks and capabilities in managing a \$7 million business.

Jack D. Prosen, V. 41

I compliment Sandy Okum for allowing freedom of speech to homeowners in "Inside Leisure Village." This is important, since Chair Pratt adjourns the meeting immediately after Board members have taken cheap shots at the homeowners.

Pratt's Open Board comments that the Insurance Committee did not provide coverage for foundations in the earthquake coverage is a lie. That policy's effective date was June 1999, and we didn't hold our first meeting until Aug. 2, 1999.

After reviewing the earth-

quake coverage already in effect, our committee felt it was inadequate and held an open forum in the AR to advise homeowners of LVA's coverages and to recommend that excess coverage be obtained. The homeowners agreed, and since Ken Blaich of MFCV was the Broker of Record, we had no choice but to obtain the coverage through him. He, in turn, went through another agency; so, in addition to paying him a considerable broker's fee, Mr. Blaich also requested that we pay a service fee to the agency providing the excess coverage.

Our Insurance Committee, considering LVA's best interests, felt that Mr. Blaich should pay the service fee out of his significant commission. We never heard of paying, in essence, two commissions for the same policy. Pratt voiced her displeasure that we asked Mr. Blaich to do this, although he was willing, and that was the beginning of the end of the Insurance Committee. So, after being awarded two plaques for exemplary service to the Village, I am now falsely accused.

Ed Evans, V. 3

## CLASSES

**World of Investing:** Edwin D. Pollaine continues his lectures on all phases of investing on Wednesdays, Nov. 21 and 28, from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Garden Room.

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College classes for 2002 will start on Jan. 9 and end on May 15, 2002. The program will consist of the following:

**English M60B, The Short Stories Of Isaac Bashevis Singer:** 1 unit. This class will meet on successive Thursdays in January and February from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Sun Room starting on Jan. 10. Dr. Sidney Adler, a professor of English at Moorpark College, will teach the class. He has excelled in teaching the works of famous authors. Singer was a renowned author and a Nobel Prize Winner in literature.

**Political Science R104, International Relations:** 3 units. This class will meet on successive Fridays from 9:20 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. in the Sun Room. Dr. Dorrance, who will teach this class, has been teaching in Leisure Village for several years and is noted for her informative and interesting lectures.

**Spanish 1A, Elementary Spanish:** 3 Units. This class will be taught by Professor Kyra Sovero, who is a Professor of Spanish at Oxnard College. It will meet on successive Wednesdays from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Village Room. Professor Sovero taught this class last year and it was very well received.

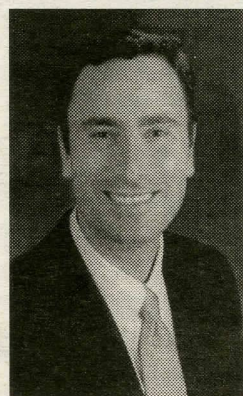
Registration for Political Science and Spanish will take place on Dec. 12 and Jan. 2 in the Lanai Room from 1 to 4 p.m. Sharon Starr will conduct the registration.

Dr. Adler will register stu-

dents for his class during the first class period on Jan. 17 in the Sun Room.

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Rose Meltzer, V. 25

Thanks for the cards and inquiries about my back pains. They are almost gone, but my heartfelt thanks remain, especially to my friends of the Racquet Club.

Kenneth H. Wechsler, V. 44

Dick Brill recently passed away. He and his wife, Naomi, have been in the Village since 1998. Dick became an active member of the Finance Committee and devoted many hours overseeing some of the accounting procedures in the Leisure Village office. He worked diligently to keep assessments down because he knew many people here are on fixed incomes. He will be sorely missed by the Finance Committee for his business acumen and sound judgment.

My husband, Harold, went to be with the Lord on Friday, Oct. 12, after a long illness. I

## In Memoriam

Clara Gorenfeld, V. 22  
Ada Aratin (formerly), V. 26  
Harold Dolman, V. 20

(If anyone knows of the death of a Villager, please advise Jean Aird, 482-6660. It will be greatly appreciated.)

want to thank neighbors and friends for their kind thoughts and condolences.

I want to especially thank the security personnel who were here for me whenever I needed them, which was quite often. We were blessed to have the helpful, kind, and considerate officers and to live here in the Village. My special thanks.

Dorothy Dolman, V. 20

I can't possibly tell you how much we appreciated all the care and kindness shown us by friends and neighbors

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Gerda Richter, V. 33



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bility of taking care of a loved one? Come to a wise, helpful and interested support group. We meet the first Friday of every month in the Lanai Room at 1 p.m. Our professional facilitator is Jim Sheldon, MFCC. Come on in. You'll feel better after awhile. Information: Charlotte, 482-1331, or Jean, 482-6660.

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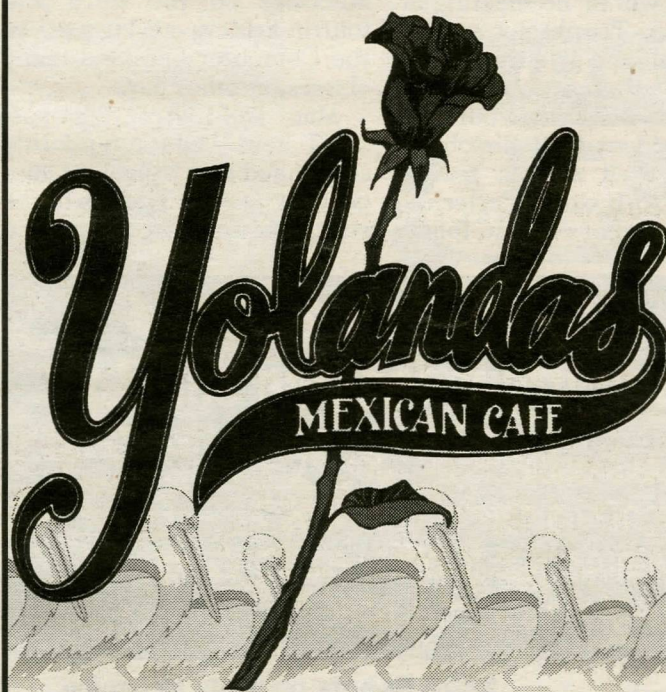
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## L.V. Chorale

The holidays are coming! Our Chorale is preparing a great concert, "A Season To Rejoice," to be presented on Friday, Dec. 7, in the A.R.

Tickets at \$4 each are being sold in the Lobby Monday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and on Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. Tickets are also available from any Chorale member.

Info: Sally Yale, 482-2554.

## Channel 8

By Percy Silver

Perhaps the most interesting program for November could be, "The History of Leisure Village," Cassette 1, Part A.

We start by telling of the plans and development of LV back in 1973. Next are interviews of our first two presidents, when LV took over from Leisure Technology. First is Bill Esty, well-remembered by old-timers not only for being in charge of our Board of Directors, but also for being Mayor of the City of Camarillo on two occasions. Following this, we feature Karl Joehnk, our second President of the Board. Now in his 90th year, he is still a vibrant man, keenly interested in Village activities.

For those of you who might wish to tape the program, running time is 1 hour 5 minutes.

## Single Active Seniors

By Joni Neckerman

"Songcatcher" will be shown at the Single Active Seniors movie night Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. in the Social Annex. The film won critical acclaim as a scenic story of Appalachian life and music.

The following week's program is a game night Nov. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Annex, where tables will be set up for Manipulation, Scrabble, and card games selected by those who attend.

Current events will be explored Dec. 4 when the Singles hold their always

interesting News and Views group discussion in the MPR at 7 p.m.

Members meet each Tuesday night for programs open to all single residents of the Village. Updated club news may be found on Village bulletin boards and Channel 8, or by calling president Zelda Greentree at 389-9694.

## Ceramics Plus

By Martin Ettinger

At our last meeting, we were treated to a superb tape on origami by artist Louise Waln. Origami is one part of the "Plus" of "Ceramics Plus." In addition to ceramics, we offer sculpture, paper mache and the potter's wheel. Our members have all levels of skills, from beginners to intermediate to darn good. We meet every Monday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Ceramics Room. Come join us.

## Veterans Club

By Martin Alfred

We all enjoyed Ray Atherton's talk about his experiences in WWII and the photos he was able to take. Ray was a former National Guardsman and is now a Villager.

There will be no meeting in November, Thanksgiving Day, so eat well and give thanks for living in our great country.

Glad to know that our former President Paul Kirschner is doing well after a recent problem with clogged arteries. Be careful what you eat, folks!

## Solo Club

By Marion Jayne

Solo Club will celebrate the holidays at a catered dinner and party on Thursday, Dec. 13, in the A.R. Happy Hour Champagne is at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is at 6 p.m., followed by installation of a new Board and gift exchange. Members are \$13, guests \$14. Make reservations before Dec. 10 by calling 484-5112.

## Woodshop

By Martin Alfred

Our chairman, Sid Alweiss, had a recent bout with clogged arteries, but we are happy to report he is recovering nicely under the TLC of his nurse, Ethyl. Just do as she says, Sid.

Our Wednesday morning help-your-woodworking projects is coming along fine, so keep coming in. We enjoy being of service.

## Computer Club

By Winifred M. Singleton

The club continues a varied program of meetings and classes, including the General Meetings on the second Friday of each month at 10 a.m. in the AR; SIGS and Open House Meetings on the third and fourth Fridays at 10 a.m. in the Computer Lab; and many classes on other days.

Mac self-instruction sessions have been temporarily suspended due to lack of support or need. They will be started again in the new year if

there is sufficient demand.

For details and times of classes, pick up a schedule from the rack outside the Computer Lab. Also outside the Computer Lab is a box for deposit of checks for \$5 in payment of 2002 Club Dues. Dues may also be paid at the next General Meeting.

Info: Mort Marcovitz, 482-4492.

## Emergency Service

By Paul Kelwin

The Emergency Service Committee meets on Nov. 20, the third Tuesday of each

month, in the MPR at 1:30 p.m. More than ever, we're preparing for the worst. We're not only in earthquake country, but we've got terrorists' actions to be aware of. Questions? Call 987-1446.

## Amateur Radio Club

By Paul Kelwin

LV Amateur Radio Club meets the first Tuesday of each month. We also socialize in the third Saturday of each month, Nov. 17, at Michael D's at 9 a.m. Cobra net people are

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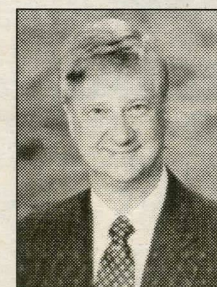
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also welcome, as well as any ex-HAMs or wannabes. Questions, 484-4318 or 987-9901.

### L.V. Womens Golf Association

By Evelyn Lacy

Monthly meeting second Wednesday of every month, 3 p.m. in the AR; refreshments 2:30 p.m.

Month of September: Low Gross, 18ers, D. Duke 50; Low Net, D. Duke 47.

Low Gross, 9ers, Front, C. Vaught 37; Back, A. Saltus 31.

Low Net, Front, I. Bouck 28; Back, A. Saltus, 28.

Low Net, Back, tie, A. Saltus and J. Hamilton.

Results of ringer tournament of September are posted on the board of the golf shack. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who participated.

Regulation Golf Luncheon Dec. 6 at Coco's, following play at Camarillo Springs G.C.

Save the Day: Dec. 14, for the Holiday Dinner Party in the AR. Women host, men co-host.

### Keyboard Club

By Joyce Turner

The Keyboard Club continues to meet the third Friday of each month at 1 p.m. in the A.R.

### Classic Movies

By Bob Koster

On Oct. 14 the Village was treated to a screening of the very first Deanna Durbin feature, "Three Smart Girls," also starring Ray Milland, Mischa Auer, Charles

Winninger, and a host of stars from the '30s. Mrs. Peggy Koster attended and was gracious enough to say a few words about the making of the film.

We decided to continue in this same line again, so the next screening, on Sunday, Nov. 18, will have Deanna Durbin again starring in another smash hit film, "Spring Parade." This film also stars Peggy Moran Koster, who will be present for the screening and will again say a few words about the making of the film. This is a very rare treat because this film has never been released publicly since the 1930s, and has never been shown on cable or on videotape. As usual, there will be a comedy short and free popcorn and punch for all attending. And as you all know, these screenings are absolutely free of charge.

Our December screening will be a special holiday treat for everyone. Keep tuned to Channel 8 for advance notices.

### LV Travel

By Eugene Foxman

Your Travel Committee has arranged several interesting travel destinations for the next few months.

In November, we offer the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas from the 27th to 29th.

For December there are three trips of wide interest: Buffalo Bill's Casino in Primm, Nev., the 11th through 13th; Newport Harbor Cruise of Lights on the 19th; and a gala New Year's Eve "Night in Vienna" on the 31st.

On Jan. 29 we will begin a two-day adventure along the Central Coast called the Pismo Beach Overnighter and Back to Nature.

For details on these and

future trips, watch Channel 8 or see the notices in the Rec. Center. Stop by the Travel Office, which is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 to 11:45 a.m. The phone number is 482-8062.

### Billiard Club

By Milan Weiss

The Billiard Club had a month full of activities, not to mention action. The fall 8-ball tournament was outstanding and was promoted by Tournament Master Sam Kay, Jr. He was assisted by many club members who put in their time to make it interesting. Dick Downey did a computer-generated Play Schedule, which worked perfectly. He was also a referee. Other eagle-eyed referees were Sam Kay, Jr., Luella Kelwin, Jack Quinn, Al Sullivan and Aleta Trogdon. And, of course, the computer-generated graphics by Barbara Ohmstedt publicizing the event were a work of art.

The tournament winners are:

A Division: Ken Lorraine, runner-up Sam Kay, Jr. B Division: Larry Miller, runner-

up Roy George. Ladies Division: Kay Bell, runner-up Betty Herrmann.

Awards were given at the Oct. 21 Tour-na-Fest dinner.

### Country Western Line Dancers

By Ida Kubica

"Nobody cares if you dance well. Just get up and dance," said Dave Barry. Couldn't have said it better myself. We welcome new residents to join us for good fun and health. There is mixed dance music to

please everyone, from rumba and country western to waltz, polka and swing. We meet Tuesdays, 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the AR. There are occasional parties to enjoy as well. Plans are now under way for the holiday celebrations. Questions: Pres. Rhoda Smithkin, 484-8132.

### Players Guild

By Anne Wolfson

The Players Guild workshop for November will feature

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a ukulele group from the Wilson Senior Center, titled "A Night In Hawaii" with our own Jerry Orth singing and playing his ukulele!

Auditions for our up coming production of "Teahouse of the August Moon" will be held on Nov. 17 and 19 in the AR. Watch Channel 8 for times. Singers and non-singers are needed. The play will take place the first week in May 2002. Joan Johnson, who will be director, has set this production to music. Jackie Solway will be the producer, and this promises to be a terrific show. So please come and try out. You won't be sorry!

## Liedealers

By Selma Lich

The eminent and recently deceased violinist Isaac Stern said, "Music is the center of a civilized life."

"Be an American, make music, and be part of that whole world outside." So be "civilized," and join the Liedealers singing group,

which meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 10 a.m. in the Lanai Room. All are welcome to listen or sing. Information: Selma Lich, 484-8129.

## Tikvah Group

By Selma Lich

The Tikvah Group will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Ner Ami, 4098 Calle Tesoro, Camarillo, and on the third Friday evening of each month thereafter. All are welcome. Information: Jean Aird, 482-6660; Selma Lich, 484-8129.

## RV Club

By Jim Cooke

The RV Club has been very active since returning from summer vacation. The first campout was in September at Far West Resort, located out of Santa Paula. Trail Bosses were Roger and Betty Williams.

The month of October campout was held at Adelanto RV Park in Victorville. Trail Bosses were Bob and Barbara

Moreland, and Bob and Margaret Munger.

The November campout will be at East Shore RV Park, San Dimas. Trail bosses will be Bob and Verna Cryder. The Wagon Master for all campouts is Mary Barkemeyer.

The RV Club holiday party is scheduled for December. For further details come to the monthly meeting or watch Channel 8 for details.

The RV Lot Coordinator reports new hose bibs were installed at the wash rack and dump station. A water filter to be used for filling water tanks in the RVs and a soap dispenser for washing hands at the dump station were also installed.

## Camera Club

By Jerry Cohen

The assigned category for October was Travel and was judged by professional photographer John Blanchard. First place was won by Paula Lite, followed in second place by Imogene Gregory, and Betty Murray took third. The Honorable Mentions were

earned by Bill Robinson and Marlene Votion.

The Open category was won by Marlene Votion, with second place earned by Imogene Gregory and third place went to Vic Fledge. Honorable Mentions went to Cathy Friedman and Bill Robinson.

Everyone is invited to the competition and program nights given on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the MPR starting at 7:30 p.m. Stay for refreshments following the meetings.

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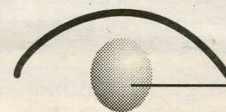
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### Racquet Club

By Ida Kubica

Beginning paddle tennis instructions are ongoing every Wednesday from 11:30 to 1 p.m. at the paddle tennis courts. They started Oct. 17 but you can step in anytime. The weather is perfect for this, so don't miss the opportunity. Tennis tournaments will be held every other month; the next one is Nov. 29.

Questions, call Ed Pollaine, 388-3748. Sign-up sheets for all tournaments are listed on the bulletin board by the courts.

A wine & cheese holiday party is scheduled for Dec. 12. Members and guests are welcome.

### International Folk Dancing

By Raye Gabriel

International Folk Dance classes are every Monday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Virginia Calihan and Mae Sheff are the teachers

and co-leaders. Call 482-5621 for more info.

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### Beginning Bridge

By Raye Gabriel

Rank Beginning Bridge Classes continue every Friday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Garden Room. Raye Gabriel is the instructor. Come join us and enjoy the stimulation. If you have card sense, you will

find it easy to learn.

### Garden Club

By Louise Coddington

The Garden Club will meet Wednesday, Dec. 12, at Spanish Hills Country Club for our annual holiday luncheon and installation of officers for 2002. The following are the new officers: Co-presidents are Alice McKnight and Georgia Griswold. First Vice-President is Claire Sortomme,

and sharing Second Vice Presidency will be Sally Douglas and Ginny Muff. The new Secretary is Fran Cohen, and Treasurer is Madelyn McKean.

For tickets, call Ruth Smith at 482-3644.

### Women's Club

By Donna Duke

There will be no Trading Post or Women's Club meeting on Dec. 6 due to the recall election. See you Jan. 3.

## Search & Rescue Team tells New York Club about efforts

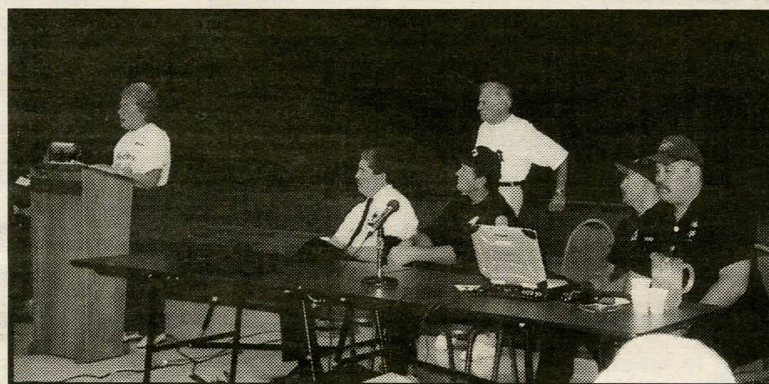
By Bob Sklarz

At an open meeting of the New York Club, many Villagers joined the members and heard the Los Angeles Search & Rescue Team tell of their 10 days in New York City. There, working with FEMA, they joined search and rescue teams from all over the country to work along with New York firefighters and others.

Milt Eisner introduced Capt. Mike Jacalone, who told of urban search and rescue in general, and Task Force One. He then introduced three of the 66 members who went to New York: Ramos Willis, Scott Quinlan, and Gregg Avery, whose father lives in Leisure Village and was present in the audience.

Each one then told of his special job, and, with slides, was able to show what they did where they were working. They also showed other members of their team at work. This included their search dog and her handler. They worked 12-hour shifts for 10 days, each day doing whatever they were assigned.

They then answered many questions from the audience. We learned that they had to pack everything they would need, as they are a self-con-



**SEARCH AND RESCUE:** As guest speakers at a recent LVNYC meeting, local Search and Rescue Team members discuss their recent efforts in New York City.

tained unit. Everything was packed on pallets, transported to March Field and on to New York by military transport.

They were housed and fed at the Convention Center, in the west 40s, and traveled back and forth by bus, with police escort. They could not believe all the people who came during the day bringing food and drinks. When they were bused through the streets, people would cheer. These and other statements did much to reassure this group of former New Yorkers, many of whom have friends and relatives still in the city. For some, it was quite emo-

tional.

George Huddleson taped the entire program, and it will be shown on Channel 8 in December. Many of those who attended the program will watch it again.

I know I will.

(Note: Five days after this meeting, the entire group, including Bella the search dog, was honored at City Hall by Mayor Hahn.)

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## Prosen

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gate the possibility of professional management. My motto is, "Nothing ventured, nothing gained." If money can be saved, I'm in favor of passing along reasonable amounts of those savings back to our homeowners in the form of reduced monthly assessments.

"I believe that we have reached a roadblock in our economy and that creative measures must be taken in

order to maintain our lifestyles and property as we have been accustomed. Once I make a commitment, I stay with it. Although I'm a team player, I know the difference between team playing and teaming up. I am confident that my background and experience in financial planning would be a significant benefit to the Village and individual homeowners. I would have no qualms about stepping into and analyzing the budget process and moving forward in a timely manner."

## Shapiro

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double in two years to almost \$1,000 per homeowner.

"Second, it's time for the Leisure Village Board to listen to the needs of our homeowners and to respond to those needs. Our homeowners must be respected, not abused, and they must be afforded time to

address their problems.

"My area of expertise is financial matters, including the budget process. I was a key director in last year's negotiations, and although I argued extensively for a zero assessment, my efforts did result in a lower assessment than in the previous six years. With the help of new, financially knowledgeable board members, we should be able to do better for you in the future."

## Weschler

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Insurance group, as corporate counsel; nine years, four law firms, as associate counsel or of counsel.

LV activities: Formerly member of Board of Directors; chair, Finance Committee; member, Water Management Committee; ballot tabulator; auditor, Women's Club (three

years); LV Racquet Club; LV Players Guild; cast member, "La Cage aux Folles."

Civic activities: SCORE, Ventura County Superior Court, Auditor of Conservatorship and Guardianship court accountings (four years); Mar Vista Elementary School, fourth-grade classroom aide (five years); AARP Get out the Vote Committee; Judge, County Science Fair.

## White

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expended prudently, I decided to become a candidate. I believe that my knowledge in fire science, safety, condominium experience, negotiations between department heads and public relations

exposure will all work as a plus for the Village. I am committed to do what is necessary to turn this Village around for the good of the residents. I have no agenda other than working for the good of ALL residents and cutting waste from the budget. I believe that common sense is the key to any successful operation."

## Davis

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rather than upheavals. My goal is to protect and enhance property values, use LVA's land for the highest and best

use, and to keep assessments under control. We need board members who will work for the good of the entire Village and put Village needs before personal needs. I served on the Board for two years and am quite aware of the duties and responsibilities of Board

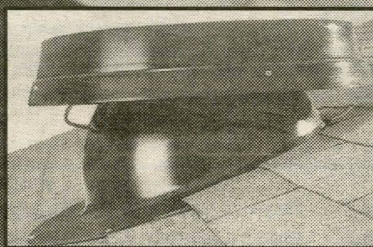
members to their representative constituents and Leisure Village operations. Knowing full well of the commitment required of each director, I am still willing to serve another two years for the good of the Village and its residents."

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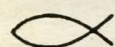
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By Bob Koster

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Protect yourself against phone fraud. Do not give money to these scoundrels who are preying on you!

## Board

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Club News section.

This month, the volume of letters that we received

showed only a few letters in favor of the Board and many, many against. These are the facts. Last month, I suggested to the Board that they write letters in their favor, which they did, and they were published.

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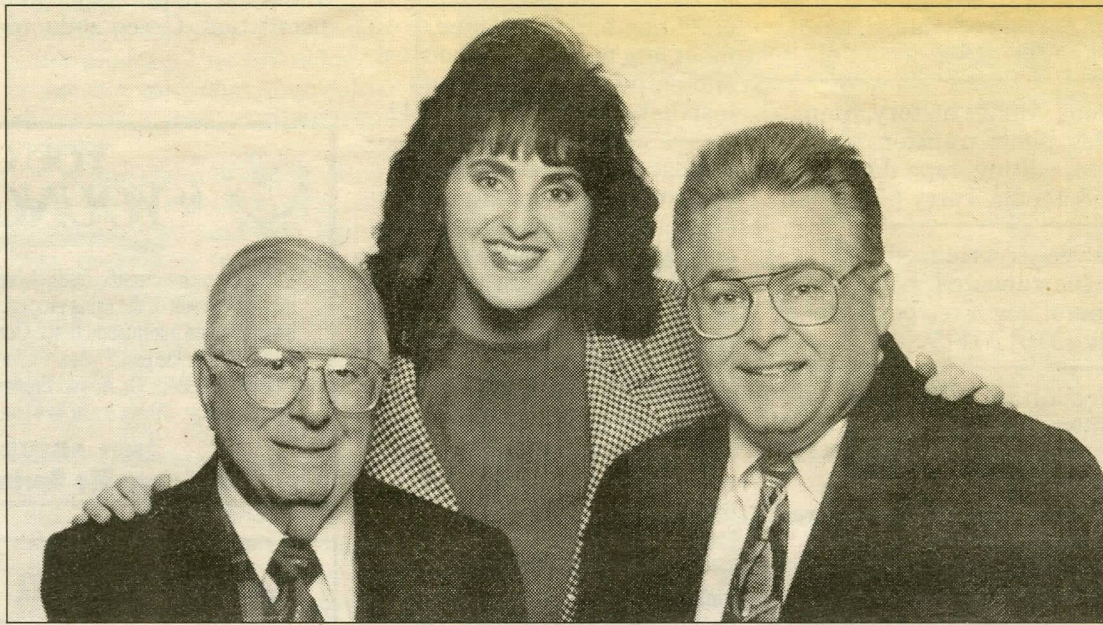
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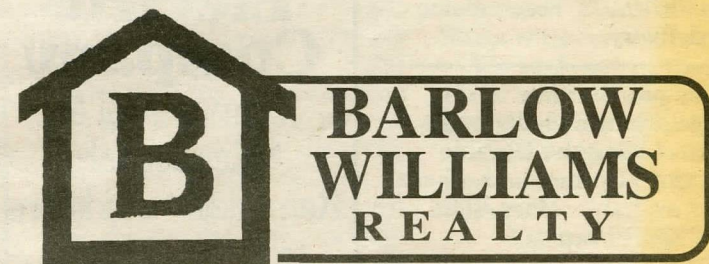
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