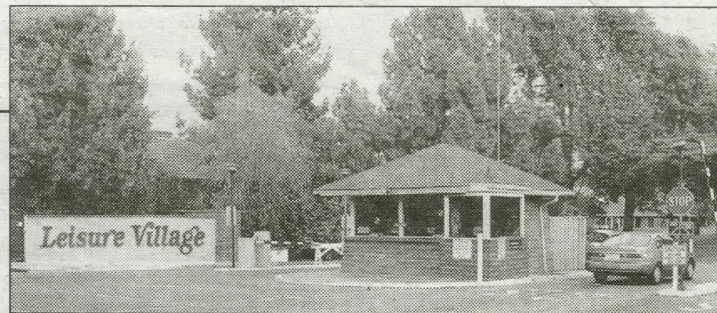


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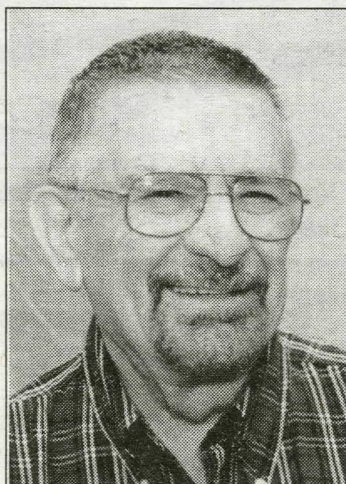
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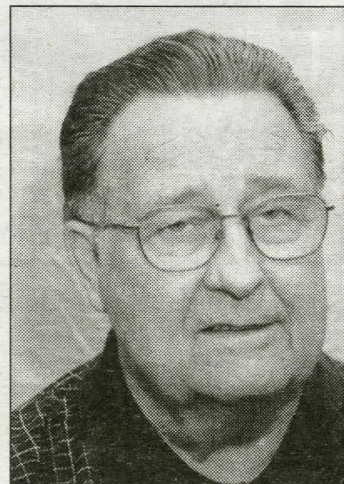
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Meet your candidates for LV Board

Don't forget to vote on June 24 for the 2 open positions. Your vote counts! For a look at how each candidate stands on today's issues, see Page 3.



Harold Goldwasser



Clair Huffman



Marge Lorraine

New York Club has colorful history

By Ben Perry

When the New York Club was originally formed in October 2000, its purpose was to find persons living in Leisure Village who came from Metropolitan New York City to share their stories about their old neighborhoods and, in many cases, actually finding someone who went to the same public school, high school or even college. We also shared our views of why we left New York and came to California.

The response was very encouraging when we first started. We had many stories to tell of our experiences in high school, about our neighborhoods. The men told of their experiences and the time that was



Founders of the New York Club include, seated from left, Ben Petty and Bob Sklarz, and standing, from left, Marty Hasen, Eileen Hasen, Florence Sklarz, Julie Posner, Leatrice Posner and Diane Honick. Not shown is Gus Honick, deceased.

spent in military service, and the women discussed their lives as young girls and as young women.

Many of us found that we went to the same high

school and even graduated the same year, reliving our youth in our own neighborhood with other people, our summers in the country, as we use to call the Catskills.

Today, ethnic differences are not nor ever were of any concern to us. Commonality is our binding force that has

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Forecast is Katz and fog

By Joseph Benti

Despite the fact that there are no chads hanging over the coming election for two members to the Association's Board of



KATZ

Directors, this month's election is not without its challenges.

When we received our ballots for the

election in the mail on May 28, we also received a yellow card mailed out by Arthur Katz at his own expense, asking us to vote for him as a "write-in" candidate. A couple of weeks

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LETTERS

As we all know, Art Katz was nominated by the Nomination Committee to run for office on the Board of Leisure Village. Due to a bureaucratic and legalistic mistake, he has now been removed from the ballot. He can still be elected, but he must be a write-in candidate. He cannot appear on Candidates Night, either.

Art has been our Chairman of the Insurance Committee now for the last two years and has instituted several changes and reforms that have saved us all not only money but also needless heartache and annoying paperwork. He has done this quietly and with consummate diplomatic skill. He proposes to do the same for the Village as a whole.

Since Art has the disadvantage of having been removed from the ballot, it is necessary to keep reminding the Village residents of his candidacy — to keep his name in front of the public, as it were. Residents are urged to remind their neighbors to write Art's name in on the ballot, and to help this fine man to achieve Board mem-

bership where he can help us even more than he has already done.

We owe it to ourselves to have the finest Board money can't buy. Art is more than capable, and very willing, to help us by joining the Board. Let's not let him, and ourselves, down by forgetting to write him in on the ballot on June 24.

— Bob Koster, V. 24

Deadlines for next month

The Display Advertising deadline for the July 2004 issue will be Monday, June 7, at 5 p.m. Deadline for letters, club news, stories and photos is Saturday, June 12, at 5 p.m. Publication is scheduled for July 2. 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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Mitzi Allison, President of Your Neighbor's Care Group, shows the bench honoring the late Sandy Okum.

We certainly can brag of our Village on many fronts, but the one that I have to commend at this time is for work accomplished the day after I put in my Green Sheet. Sergio, the man leading the brigade for the work needed, did a task that the men took only minutes to accomplish.

Three Arnold Schwarzeneggers could not have done this job easier.

I cannot thank Sergio and his crew enough for work well done!

— L. Oberman, V. 1

Classical music is one of few cultural pleasures left in

this chaotic world; it gives relief and respite from the sordid everyday news.

Classical music from KUSC (Public Broadcasting System's non-commercial FM-Radio 91.5) is one of the benefits we have enjoyed since the Village's early days.

Recently I was upset when my radio seemingly malfunctioned and I was unable to receive the KUSC broadcast. By chance, I inquired and was informed by Leisure Village staff that Adelphia had dropped KUSC in its recent realignment. This leaves us with a single, unreliable, commercial FM classical music station.

You can imagine my incredulity and outrage over this loss, that the Leisure Village Board had accepted without public discussion or notice.

I urge all lovers of good music to protest this loss to:

- Adelphia Communications, 1925 E. Daily Drive, Camarillo, CA 93010, or

- Editor's Letters, Ventura County Star, P.O. Box 6711, Ventura, CA 93006 (include your phone number, but know that it will not be printed).

— Larry Spiwak, V. 38

In April 1960, when our house was finished and my husband and I moved in, we were given a set of rules and reg-

ulations and were told that this was a Community and we each had to follow those rules.

We had a friend working at the District Attorney's Office, and she told me that we were governed by a Board of Directors that we elect and, in case of any problems, they were supposed to help us solve them. Therefore, we followed the rules, and in all these years, we never had any serious problems, and when we had any, we put in a request and the Association took care of them.

It seems to me that now, the newcomers are given a different set of rules and regulations and the new owners do not comply and do as they please and defy them.

A few years ago, I got a lilac bush and asked the Foreman of the Maintenance Department to allow us to plant it in the ground. But he told me that the General Manager does not allow any lemon trees or lilac bushes in the ground and to put it in a big pot and it will be OK, which we did.

About two weeks ago, I noticed that one of the plants that the Village planted was sprayed with white powder (it seemed to me) and I called the office to have Mr. Salas, the foreman, come and take a look. He did, and he said that the plant was diseased and had to be taken out, but Mr. Watkins, our General Manager, won't allow it because of my lilac pot, which was in the way. This amazed me, and I ask myself: What about my rights as a Homeowner? The pot is not cemented to the ground, and they could just push it aside a few inches and the men could do their work. Don't I deserve that much consideration? My monthly fees were raised by \$16.50 per month on April 1, and I don't have the right to ask for anything because the General Manager does not allow it and it can't be done!

Since when do the

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Katz

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ago, he was an "official" candidate, selected by the Board's own Nominating Committee. Now, Arthur Katz is caught in a trap not of his own making.

The trap is one of those "Catch-22s," a dreaded "legal technicality." This "technicality" got Katz's name removed from the ballot just before printing because the Board ruled that he is not "officially qualified." However, he says, he will meet the official qualifications the day before the election. That's when he is assured he will receive court approval to manage his late mother's estate, which includes his residence in the Village where he has lived for most of the past three years.

So, Katz became a write-in candidate for a Board seat. Katz, who chairs the Insurance Committee, was chosen by the Nominating Committee and campaigned along with the three other candidates. Two of those, Harold Goldwasser and Marjorie Lorraine, also were nominated by the official Committee.

However, Katz's name was abruptly withdrawn when the Board concluded that, as he is not the official holder of title to his late mother's home, technically he is not qualified for the ballot.

Those who know that "timing is everything" can appreciate Katz's dilemma. The legal decision on his control of the estate is not due, unforeseen events notwithstanding, until June 23. That is the day before the election is officially certified, on June 24. The certification is part of the required Annual Meeting. Those ballots mailed to us

on May 27, can either be marked and mailed back to the Administration, dropped in the Administration box at the Recreation Center, or personally taken to the Administration Building.

The foggy area is the possible disagreement about whether or not Katz is a viable write-in candidate.

Randy Watkins, Village General Manager, says, "There are no by-laws governing the write-in process; anybody's name can be written in on an absentee ballot."

However, to take office, Watkins points out, should a write-in candidate win, "That person would have to be, officially, an owner of a residence in the Village."

Arthur Katz will be officially nominated at the Annual Association meeting at 10 a.m. on June 24. That is when any Association member can nominate any candidate. Those in attendance who have not voted by absentee ballot can write in their candidate.

Though the Annual Meetings rarely attract a large number of voters, and the nominating process usually is no more than an honor to the person nominated, another critical technicality (yes, another one), at least in Arthur Katz's case, will be resolved.

Regardless of the questions raised about Katz's qualifications, assuming he meets the critical legal technicality — that he has court approval of his control of the property in which he resides — his nomination, the seconding, the vote, and the write-ins, all tabulated, then will be counted in the balloting against the other three candidates and the top two will get the open seats.

Whew. Now you know why I warned you at the beginning that this election would be a challenge.

who pay their salary, have none? Oh well, I have something to look forward to when the election comes later this month. That is the only time we have any rights.

— Helen Dobrescu,
V. 34

Meet your Board candidates

Harold Goldwasser

Harold Goldwasser believes that his 40 years of business experience, much of it in management, has prepared him to find and eliminate what he calls "unnecessary expenditures, thereby showing a more profitable bottom line."

He expresses a generalist's view of what he can do



GOLDWASSER

if he is elected to the board, focusing on making a difference in what he sees, "as a lot that needs correcting." His thrust would be

to reduce costs, which would lead to lower monthly assessments. Among the issues he cites as specific areas of interest is better management of landscaping, especially care and maintenance of trees and general cleanup.

Goldwasser says that by giving greater attention to general upkeep of the com-

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Clair Huffman

Seeking a second consecutive term on the board, Clair Huffman says he has "no big schemes about spending people's money."

"The big problem is to decide what is reasonable and how to get good value and good results with the money we spend," he says.

Maintaining property val-



HUFFMAN

ues is one of his priorities, but Huffman says annual costs should be balanced fairly between those "residents who are finan-

cially secure and the others — singles and widows on fixed incomes, for example — who are hurt by assessment increases."

While he sees street maintenance and repair as priorities, he also thinks that not having a consistent and effective long-term landscaping program is "a big problem."

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Marge Lorraine

Marge Lorraine believes that residents have been asking the wrong question over the years, that focus has been too much on how can we do this or that without raising our monthly assessments.

Instead, she believes, the right question is: What do we really want to do, and



LORRAINE

what is the most economical way to do it?

Her highest priority is to repair and maintain streets. She believes that previ-

ous boards started street projects without allocating enough money to the job that needed to be done. She also believes that repair and maintenance was scheduled much too slowly, over too long a period, to get the problems under control.

Another of her major issues is to make the board "more open." She wants to

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 Charles Kent, formerly, V. 9 ²¹¹

For memoriams, call Flo Doctrow, 389-8964.

ROSARY GROUP

By Marie Mack

To anyone interested in joining our Rosary Group: We meet every Friday

morning at 11 a.m., except the first Friday, in the home of Maxine Fritz. For more information, please contact Marie Mack at 484-9677.

55 Alive Safe Driving course is June 17, 18

By Naomi Balfour

The class known as "55 Alive Safe Driving" will be offered in the Multipurpose Room on June 17 and 18 from 1 to 5 p.m.

The class is taught and sponsored by A.A.R.P. for the benefit of Leisure Village residents who wish to continue safe driving. All

participants are entitled to a discount on their automobile insurance according to California law. Check with your insurance company for the exact amount you will receive, as it does vary.

If you are expecting to take the written test for driver's license renewal, which is required of all drivers 70

and older, the class will help to refresh your memory.

The cost is \$10 per person, and you must be pre-registered and prepaid by check since we can only take 30 people per class.

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

BETTER BREATHING

By Lorraine Comer

The Better Living Thru Better Breathing program's first session and following sessions will be held in the Garden Room the second Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. starting in June.

I hope to be able to answer most of your questions and give you some hints on how to save energy by breathing better.

To make the time valuable, bring any medications you might have questions about and any problems that you think breathing better will solve in helping you get through the day.

I look forward to helping make your activities of daily living a little easier.

See you in the Garden Room!

Channel Islands National Park is worth the effort

By Bill Himstreet

To visit the Channel Islands National Park, all one has to do is to climb aboard one of the Island Packers Co. boats in either Ventura Harbor or the Channel Islands Harbor in Oxnard for a half-day, full-day, or overnight camping trip. My wife and I have experienced day trips — but non-camping — from both harbors.

The thrill of "going to sea" on a boat that provides intimate observation of sea animal and plant life proved to be a good way to develop an appreciation for and a strong interest in our unique national park.

Before committing oneself, the best introduction is to visit Park Headquarters at the jetty end of Spinnaker Road, the main thoroughfare through the Ventura Harbor community. This visit provides an orientation to the park and its history.

The Park consists of five islands, and you can see several from the tower in the headquarters building. Right next door is the Island Packers Co. office and pier. Perhaps one of its boats will

be available to whet your cruise appetite.

During your visit, you'll learn more about the cruise-time schedules, clothing needed, food requirements and the roles of crew members, docents, and Park employees. On your cruise, you may see migrating whales, seals, pelicans, sea lions, birds, foxes, otters and a variety of plants on land and in the sea.

Additionally, you'll also have friends and companions just as pleased as you'll be. There's something about being together at sea that creates a feeling of camaraderie.

Incidentally, a similar cruise service is available from Truth Aquatics at Santa Barbara Landing. And Channel Islands Aviation at Camarillo Airport offers roundtrip flights to Santa Rosa Island. The day boat trips are most comfortable for the first visit and can provide insight into efforts required to try overnight camping.

How fortunate we are to have our own "private" National Park within a few miles!

SUPPORT GROUPS

Caregivers Support Group will meet on Friday, Sept. 3. Have a happy, healthy summer vacation. Best wishes from all of us. For more information, call Charlotte Olonoff at 482-1331.

The Bereavement Support Group meets every Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Lanai or Sun Room. We talk about our loved ones and also about ourselves, now that we are alone. We are a good group; we support each other. For information, call Sylvia Stuart-Williams at 484-4207.

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Patio surface paves the way to outstanding improvement

By Bobbie Comer

Jon and Pat Amelsberg care a great deal about the appearance of our Village, as evidenced by their carefully tended yard and improvements they have made to their home in Village 44.

As volunteers for the Building and Grounds Committee, they walk two Villages, 37 and the very large Village 17. They pick up all kinds of ideas along the way as they exercise and meet other Villagers.

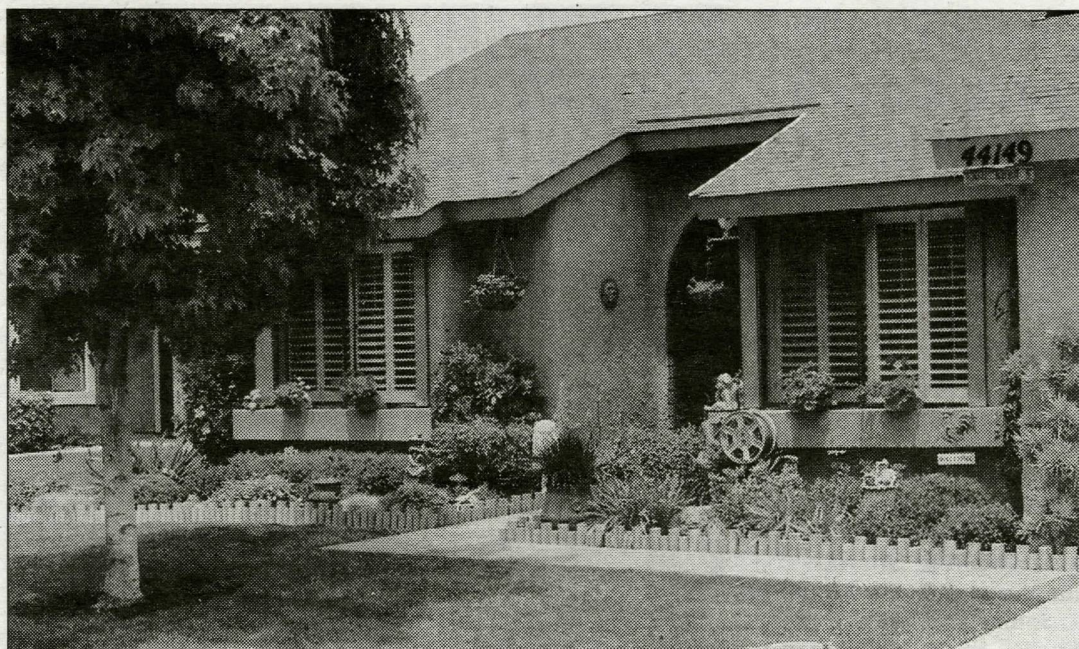
Their gardens have drought-tolerant planting approved for full maintenance care, but Jon and Pat have added various pots and artifacts, making the areas "Red Stake." This means

they must do the upkeep, which they enjoy.

"I can easily return to full maintenance by removing the tchochkes," Pat said.

The Amelsbergs had their entry walkway and back patio resurfaced with a unique overlay treatment called "Thin-Crete." This stamped concrete system duplicates the look of flagstone, brick or other deep relief patterns over existing concrete and eliminates the expense of jackhammering out the old concrete base.

A new fiberglass front door with an oval window was installed. And one would swear it was real wood. Leaving the front door open for the afternoon breeze is still possible with



Drought-tolerant plants grace the garden of Jon and Pat Amelsberg's home.

the installation of a rollaway screen door.

The back of the house faces onto the perimeter, so

they do not have a fence to block their view of a large open green space.

Jon, Pat and Sara, the

dog, won't mind your wandering back to see their patio surface at 44149.

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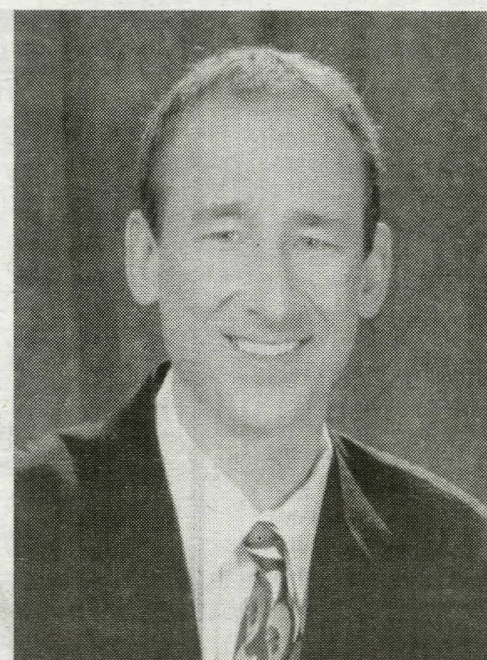
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Durbin will grace screen with 'Spring Parade' at Classic Films

By Bob Koster

Our last screening should have been called a "last screaming."

The audience laughed for three hours at the hilarious antics of Laurel and Hardy, Buster Keaton, Charlie Chaplin and a very young Al St. John, later to become "Fuzzy" St. John, cowboy sidekick to everyone from Roy Rogers to Gene Autry.

Al St. John was a very respectable comedian, too. He was Fatty Arbuckle's nephew, and the big guy wanted to help him get a start in the biz!

On June 20 we will screen "Spring Parade," a relatively unknown movie with Deanna Durbin, Mischa Auer, Henry Stephenson, Anne Gwynne, Szoke ("Cuddles") Sakall, and, of course, Village 3's own Peggy Moran Koster and directed by Village 3's former inmate, Henry Koster.

The picture has never been shown commercially since it was released back in 1940. Some problem with the rights, I am told.

For the historical section of our screening, we offer a real treat. Henry Koster was a compulsive picture-taker. He kept with him an 8mm camera, and he photographed everything. Starting in the mid-1930s he used color film, too. In 1985 or so we got him to edit his 12 hours of film down to a more manageable two hours plus, and then narrate it so we could remember the names.

In among the many shots of makeup, rehearsal and production of his movies are a number of scenes from "Spring Parade," which Dad photographed in color. The movie was shot in black-and-white, but his home movies were in color. So now we can see the bril-



The gorgeous Deanna Durbin in her heyday.

liantly colorful uniforms of the hussars in Emperor Franz-Josef's court, the magnificent ball gowns of the ladies, the fabulous colors of the gypsy costumes. Audiences who saw the movie were denied that pleasure back in 1940, but you can have it now.

On July 11, we reach back into the 1930s for "Robin Hood," starring Errol Flynn at his swashbucklingest.

Showtyme is bringing Mickey Rooney to LV

By Jim Brown

The Showtyme Club brings the icon of show business, Mickey Rooney, and his wife Jan, along with their trio of fine musicians to Leisure Village on Sunday, Aug. 15, at 2:30 p.m. in the AR.

"We're indeed proud and appreciate the opportunity to bring this show business legend to the Village for this performance," Showtyme President Jim Brown said. "He's one of the best examples of longevity in a business not really associated with any longevity at all."

Mickey and Jan perform their songs and comedy, and they share their nostal-

gic moments about Mickey's long association with a successful movie career.

The Hollywood Walk of Fame recently rewarded Mickey with his third "star" of honor in appreciation of his contributions to the world of entertainment.

Ticket sales for this special show starring Mickey Rooney will start on July 6, 6 and 7 in a room to be announced. Hours will be 9 to 11 a.m. Monday and Tuesday and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday. After these dates, tickets will be sold every Monday and Tuesday in the AR Lobby from 9 to 11 a.m. and Friday from 11

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CONTINUATIONS

Goldwasser

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munity that he would hope to "make the Village the standard for other retirement communities to follow."

If elected to the board, he believes that he would do a good job servicing residents "by helping them with their problems and complaints and by being their voice on the board." He would hope that each resident would know that "all of their concerns are as seri-

ous to the board as it is to them." And, he adds in an unmistakable southern drawl, a combination of Georgia (birthplace) and St. Louis (professional life), that he is "open-minded." He insists that it is very difficult to get him mad.

He believes that one of his major assets as a board member would be his most recent business experience prior to retirement. He cites managing 100 people, in 14 stores, in 10 states, with a \$3 million-a-year profit and loss, as part of the experience he would bring to the board.

He has two years of college and has participated in numerous business and management seminars and classes.

Goldwasser is a grandfather (8 grandchildren) who has been a Village resident for a year and a half. In that time, he has been active in the Players Guild, Woodshop, Farmer's Club, golf and swimming.

He has also served on charity committees, blood drives, fund-raisers, feeding the homeless and helping the bereaved.

Huffman

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Huffman says too much emphasis is put on how the streets look, which adds to the maintenance costs. He thinks the more important question is: How "serviceable" are the streets, and how can that serviceability be maintained?

He is against borrowing money to do any of the big jobs all at once. Instead, he prefers to take care of landscaping and street maintenance on a year-to-year

basis, seeking the best deals each year, balancing what money is available but sticking to a "pay as you go" policy.

Huffman says he wants greater disclosure of the legal costs paid by the Village and that he favors changing some of what he calls "the more restrictive rules" of governance to make the Board's activities "more readable to non-accountants."

He has an engineering degree (chemistry) from San Diego State College and a law degree from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles. In addition to experience as

an attorney and sales engineer, Huffman was a member of the board of directors for a law firm that had 200 employees and 50 to 60 attorneys, which he believes gives him the training and skill to remain on the board.

The 10-year Village resident is a grandfather (two grandchildren). He is active in his church, and he likes to read, play chess and watch sports.

When asked why he is running for re-election, he said, "That's what my wife wants to know."

Lorraine

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see it function in "a more realistic way" — so that residents will have a better understanding of how it deliberates and arrives at its decisions.

Because of her previous experiences, she believes she can provide effective service on the Board. Prior to becoming a Village resident six years ago, she lived in a condominium in Reseda, where she served on the board of directors for five and one-half years. In addition, she notes she attended several seminars

on condo management and interpersonal relations.

Her guiding philosophy of management and government is:

"There is always room for compromise. Much more can be accomplished through dialogues which, in the long run, lead to more positive results than confrontations in which success or failure is measured on the basis of winners and losers."

Coupled with her lifetime occupational experiences, Ms. Lorraine emphasizes that she possesses the ability to work well with others, to respect others and to ask questions, qualities that she believes are much needed

on the Village board.

Presently, she is the co-chair of the Building and Grounds Committee and a member of the Education and Recreation Committee.

She has an associate arts degree from Pierce Junior College and has attended classes at Cal State Northridge.

A physically active grandmother (four grandchildren), she enjoys hiking, tennis, golf and duplicate bridge. Ms. Lorraine spent most of her working life as a special education assistant, working with handicapped and severely handicapped students in the Los Angeles Unified School District.



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"Selma and Faye come across two High School boys while out shopping"

Cal State Channel Islands to offer classes for seniors

By Dr. Martin Kaplan

Those who are "55 or better" and are interested in continuing systematic learning know that the best learning experiences are those that come from intrinsic interest in the subject, not from formal goals like grades or degrees.

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Beginning in September, OLLI will offer a wide range of courses for seniors. These will be high-caliber, university level courses taught by

university professors and members of the senior community. Courses will last eight weeks, meeting for two hours each week, either in the morning or afternoon. For a small fee, learners can join the Institute and be entitled to take one or more courses in each of the fall, winter, and spring sessions.

The coordinator of the Institute is Dr. Martin Kaplan. He can be reached by telephone at 437-8583 or by e-mail at marty.kaplan@csuci.edu.

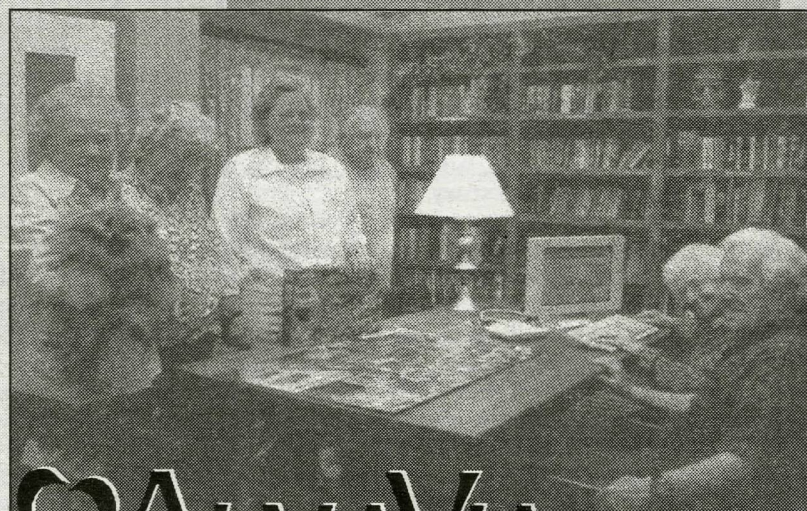
To plan the courses for the first session, Dr. Kaplan would like some information.

First, what courses or topics would you like offered at OLLI? Your ideas can be expressed in general (e.g., history, literature, psy-

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Library honors LV's Kroll

By Jack Whalen

"He is an amazing, wonderful person. I don't know what we would do without him," says Mary Stumpf, manager of the Friends Of The Camarillo Library Used Book Shop, located behind Ralphs in the Las Posas shopping area.

She is referring to Village 20's George Kroll, who, over many years, has been responsible for thousands of books being donated to this worthy nonprofit operation.

The shop may well be one of the best kept secrets in Camarillo. Located at 642 Las Posas Road, it is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday and stays open till 7 p.m. on Fridays. In addition to some 30,000 books, it also stocks puzzles, postcards, audio and videocassettes and assorted memorabilia. For more information, call 484-8935.

Says Mary, "Why pay \$25 or more for a book when we may well be able to secure it for you for \$3?"

Here is a good example: About a year ago your reporter asked Mary if she could secure three books: "A City, Not My Own," by Dominick Dunne, the story of the O.J. Simpson trial by a writer who attended almost every session; "Seabiscuit," by Laura Hillenbrand, the story of a great racehorse; and "Joe Louis: My Story," by a boxing great. In less than a month, Mary had all three books, in excellent condition, with their original jackets. The price for all three? Would you believe \$8?

While Villagers donate many books to the Village library, they also find Friends Of The Camarillo Library to be an excellent alternative. George wishes to give special thanks to Virginia Dunnion and all the great volunteers at our LV Library. They have also contributed many thousands of books to Friends Of The Camarillo Library.

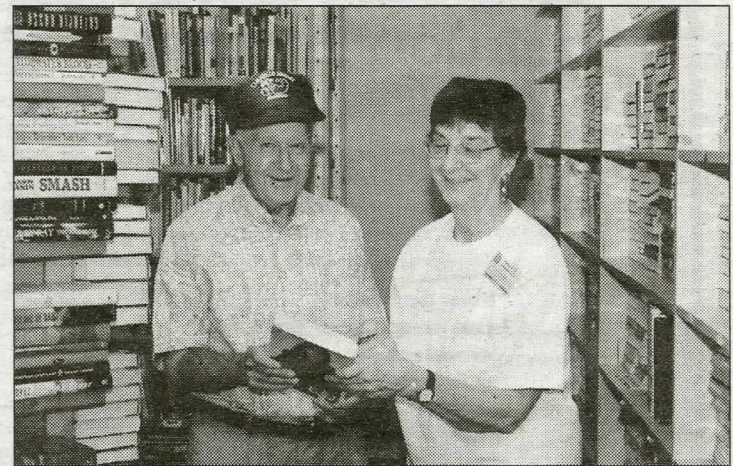
You may consider joining Friends Of The Camarillo

Library. Membership on a yearly basis is modest, and they have a travel club that offers trips near and far.

Last November, the Library honored George Kroll as 2003 Person of the Year. The following is, word for word, the statements honoring him:

The Friends Of The Camarillo Library is an organization made up of volunteers, some more dedicated than others. Our honoree is a constant source of donations for us and for C.A.T.S. He is the one who found all of the stools for customers to sit on at the bookstore and has also contributed many of the attractive bookends that dot the store.

He is our best PR man; he wears a hat with the store logo on it and carries a supply of bookmarks as he spreads information about our store to complete strangers on the street, in restaurants and in garage sales. He also secures plastic bags from Ralphs for our use.



LV's George Kroll and Mary Stumpf, manager of the Friends of the Camarillo Library Used Book Shop, review the 30,000 books available at low cost.

He is a volunteer for R.A.I.N., Oasis and other Catholic Charities; he is on the Foundation at St. John's Pleasant Valley Hospital and a docent at the Camarillo Ranch House. He's also an avid thrift store and garage sale shopper.

He has been married for 29 years to Alda, whom he met on a blind date. They have five children — Nancy, Diane, John, Diana and Bruce — as well as nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He loves to play golf and collects golf putters. He is also a flower

gardener with a beautiful garden in Leisure Village, where he and Alda have lived for 21 years.

Before he retired, he was a sugar supplier for bakeries and candy stores in the Chicago area. At 87 years young, he has had knee replacements and two other major surgeries. Through it all, he is still a laughing, upbeat, positive person, spreading cheer wherever he goes. Like Will Rogers, he has never met a man he didn't like.

The old saying is, "Let George Do It!" And he does.

Showtyme

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a.m. to 1 p.m.

As before, Roz Feldman is in charge of the ticket sales. It is suggested that you make reservations early, as a sold-out audience is expected for this very special show.

Don't forget that tickets for Showtyme members are \$15 and others are \$18. There are currently 568 members of Showtyme, and it is expected that most members will exercise their right to good seats in support of the Showtyme Club of Leisure Village.

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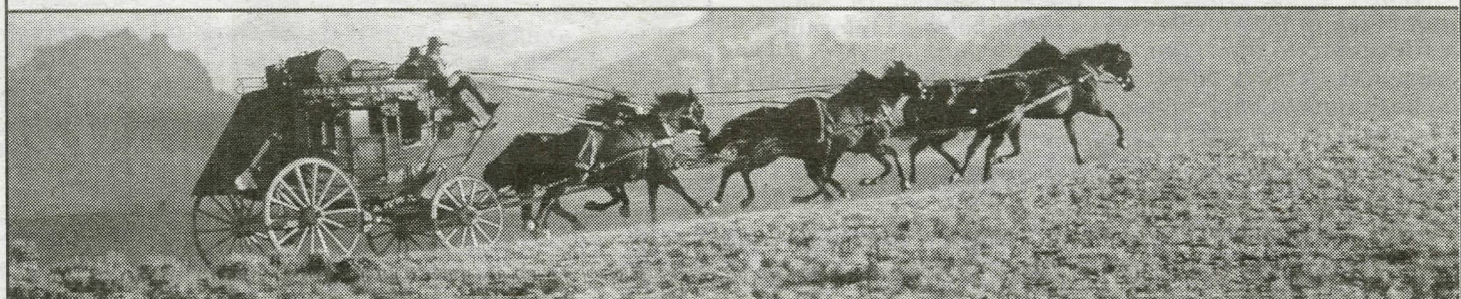
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Architectural Guidelines now being remodeled

By Ted Lansing

Guidelines for alterations or improvements proposed for structures within The Village are now under review and revision. The Architectural Committee has determined that the current Guidelines, issued under that committee's jurisdiction, are at times less than "user friendly."

The basic purpose for having these Guidelines is to improve the ability of the applicant to understand the process and to assist in planning and execution of a project. To that end, the Guidelines are being totally reviewed and rewritten. It is intended to remove as much "legalese" as possible to make them more understandable.

The intention is also to remove redundant material, as well as material that is fully covered by (and thereby superseded by) Camarillo City Building Codes. Many of the "Specifications" that were part of the Guidelines will be dropped, and those that seem still to be pertinent and retained will be reviewed for clarity.

Items added include attic

ladders, which, though internal to a structure, can materially affect structural integrity, and commercially produced storage cabinets for patio use. It is also intended to upgrade the Guidelines to include current construction practices and newly available materials, hopefully for the benefit of all.

The Guidelines have been reduced to 20 pages, and the prior associated Specifications have been combined into 36 Exhibits, some of which are strictly procedural guides.

Finally, the entire application/approval procedure will be more clearly described and streamlined to make the application/approval process as short and "painless" as possible.

The new Architectural Guidelines were presented to the Board of Directors for approval in May, and it is expected that they will be acted on by the Board this month.

In the interim, the current Guidelines and associated Specifications remain in force. If, and when, the revisions are adopted, there will be a public notification.

It's a people problem

By Joseph Benti

Mission Oaks Park, just up the hill from the Village, is a beautiful spot, with lots of kids playing and many well-planned areas inviting us to stroll or just to sit.

One Saturday morning, my wife and I were strolling by the baseball diamonds, recalling our days of parenting as we watched the Camarillo Little Girls Softball Leaguers developing their skills.

It wasn't long before we were yanked back to the present by a familiar sight, one that has been all too familiar to strollers probably since man first threw a bone to a dog at the edge of

a cave before the dawn of recorded history. Ever since then, here, there, everywhere, any place where people and dogs do their things, man has had to live and often curse the ubiquitous, obnoxious mark of the canine, which, to some, is more lasting and more fearsome than anything left by Zorro.

At the park, despite plastic baggies put out just for those dog-owners who come unprepared, we spotted the first pile of — well, you know — the stuff doggies drop. Poo, doo, poop — whatever sweet-sounding, fairy-tale-like euphemism

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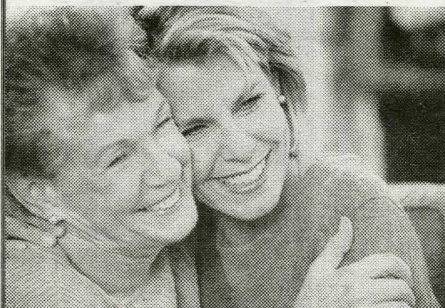
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Why raise fees in times of excess?

By Ted Lansing

In the May issue of this paper, it may have been noticed that I offered a bit of encouragement to all residents of Leisure Village to get in and participate in the Village's business.

While I held forth on that subject on one page, on the facing page, Joe Benti gave us what many, I'm sure, considered to be great news concerning our Reserve Account. It is just the type of information that is very important to "us." He told us that the account was

"125 percent funded." That is, we have 25 percent more money in the bank than our reserve study indicates we should have for the repairs/replacements due to be made in this fiscal year. Not to worry!

Why, then, was there a discussion over the need for a Special Assessment of around \$650 per owner to permit repairs of pavement? That would have come to more than \$1,387,000.

A Special Assessment is used when there are unplanned or excessive expenditures needed, or for

emergencies unforeseen. In this case, the anticipated assessment is to pay for items that rightfully should be contained in the Reserve Study, and therefore, currently "in the bank."

Even though the State of California has no specific legal requirement for an association such as ours to fund and account strictly in accordance with a Reserve Study, it is to be used as a guide for the Board of Directors to execute their "fiduciary responsibilities"

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Problem

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you feel comfortable with, but there was no mistaking what it was. Yet again, another thoughtless, bad citizen had proved that one of the biggest problems created by dogs is really "a people problem."

Like so many of the people problems that some of us think occur only outside our Village gates, this one, too, has been brought right in with us. The problem (which violates Association Regulations and is punishable by a fine) is so bothersome that Pat Amelsberg brought it up during the residents' comment section at the open board meeting in March. Her appeal was familiar and, not surprisingly, timeless.

Why, Pat asked, can't all dog owners be responsible for their pets? Why don't they clean up after their pets who obviously cannot clean up after themselves?

There's the rub.

Some deeper studies into the problem reveal that no matter what negligent dog owners are told, most of them simply don't get it — and don't want to get it. They cannot figure out why the big fuss over their pet's little muss.

In a recent article in USA Today, Traci Watson reported that a 1999 study by the

Center for Watershed Protection found that of the 41 percent of those in the study who do not clean up after their dogs, nearly half refuse to pick up their pet's droppings despite fines and the complaints of their neighbors. Among their arguments for not cleaning up were these two: "Eventually it goes away," and "Small dog, small waste."

Neither argument is true, however.

There is plenty of evidence that dog and cat waste is every bit as dangerous as human waste, containing bacteria that you would not want to track into the house on your shoes or, for that matter, to have your dog contaminated by just for sniffing too closely.

No matter how cute, cuddly or lovable the dog, it often harbors E. coli, Salmonella and Giardia — all nasty and unwelcome in our bodies and our water supplies.

And dog droppings are just like everything else in these times of exponential growth. At one place in Virginia, called Four Mile Run, an estimated 12,000 dogs live in the watershed area. Each day, these Fidos and Fidos leave behind an estimated 5,000 pounds of fecal matter. Do the math. If we have, say, 200 dogs in the Village, that's approximately 84 pounds a day,

588 pounds a week, 2,852 pounds a month. You get the messy picture.

It is not small, and it does not just go away if it is not picked up.

Perhaps the best advice comes from the Web site, VeterinaryPartner.com., which notes, "Picking up is just part of having a dog. If everyone would do it, there would be far fewer objections to dogs living and traveling in human communities. ... Picking up shows pride in your community, in yourself, and in your dog."

To which one might add: "Don't be a Stupe. Pick up the poop!"

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Paul Ilovsky was my friend

(Editor's note: This article is the first of what we hope will be others sharing insights into the fascinating history and variety of people who have called Leisure Village their home over the years.)

By Bob Koster

When I moved to Leisure Village in March of 2000, I already had a good support system. After all, my father had moved in here in 1980 with my stepmother, and even though he had left us in 1988, Peggy was well known in the village by everyone and had been an enthusiastic participant in such varied activities as the Players Guild and the pool room. And my wife and I had been traveling out here for 20 years, attending plays, performances and even dances.

So although we did not know anyone at all in Village 24, where we bought a charming little home, we knew enough people, stores, and restaurants in Camarillo to be comfortable from the git-go. And although my wife and I are naturally shy people, everyone around here seemed so friendly that making new friends did not appear to be a problem.

For the first few weeks, we traveled back to Los Angeles quite frequently to have dinner with our friends there, and many of those friends drove the half-hour to Camarillo to be with us. We did not break the umbilical cord to Tarzana for quite a while. In fact, for the first few weeks, while there was an overabundance of trash brought on by shipping boxes and wrappings, etc., I made the trip every few days back to Tarzana to visit my favorite Dumpster, not having completely understood the ridiculously simple instructions for the biweekly pickups here in the Village.

Slowly our focus moved westward to our new home, and we began to explore the facilities more avidly. I discovered that although the



Bob Koster's grandfather, Erno Kiraly.

Village was at least partially peopled by folks with a theatrical bent, there was no regular screening of the old and well-loved movies, of which I have a rather large collection in the closet. Hence, the new Leisure Village Classic Films.

We also discovered the swimming pool. We learned early on that we would neither scald ourselves nor suffer frostbite by immersing ourselves, so during the meteorologically beneficial period, which consists of only around 80 percent of the time here, Sarah and I went to the pool.

There are two advantages to the swimming pool. One is swimming and the exercise it affords. The other is the fascinating and wonderful variety of people who use the facility — conversations ranging from the more obscure facets of Shakespeare to discussions of the Hebrew language to the current state, or lack thereof, of the Clippers. We discovered a disproportionate number of fans of New York teams, for some reason. Must be the weather that affects people strangely.

As I said, we are shy people, not easily drawn to new friends, and we very seldom approach anyone on a social basis out of the blue. However ...

My mother, my real mother, was born in Budapest. Peggy was my stepmother. But my real mother was a Hungarian, a

natural-born Magyar, a tradition and heritage of which I am most proud. The artistic tradition and theatrical results of Hungarians all over the world are well known. And my family was a big part of that.

Erno Kiraly, my grandfather, was the Hungarian Maurice Chevalier. Hermine Solti, Grandma, was the Phyllis Diller of Budapest, except somewhat less constrained, even in private life. They were married for only a few years, long enough to give birth to Mom, Katherine Kiraly, later Kitty Koster. Grandpa's wandering eye put an end to domestic bliss, and he divorced Grandma to avail himself of almost anything not wearing pants in Hungary at the time. This led to his constantly looking for more work because of the severe lack of funds caused by his lifestyle.

In the period around 1910 to about 1930 he was a big vaudeville star, stage presence, all over Hungary. He traveled the countryside appearing wherever he was recognized, which was everywhere, and getting himself into one bad romance after another.

I learned very few Hungarian words from Mom — learned that the country we know as Hungary, Hungarians call Magyar Ország; learned to count to 10 in Magyar; and learned

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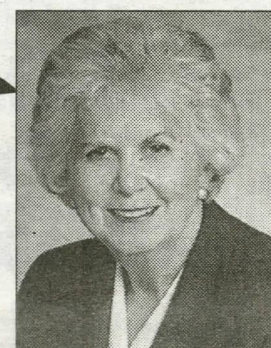
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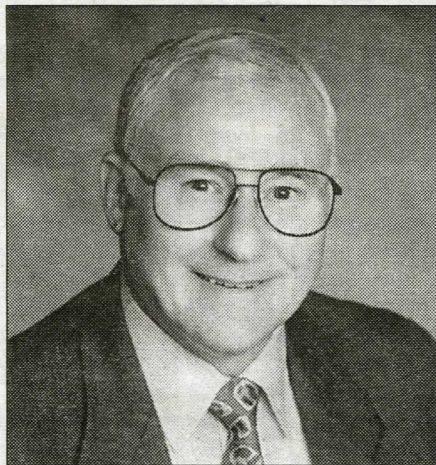
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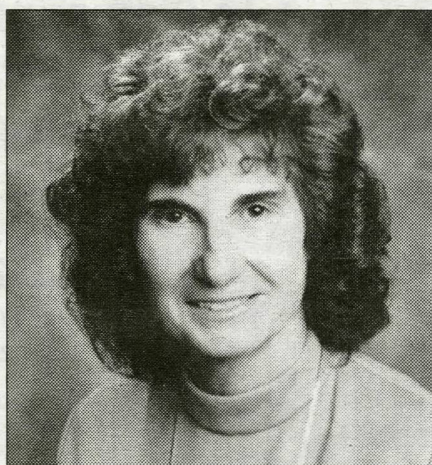
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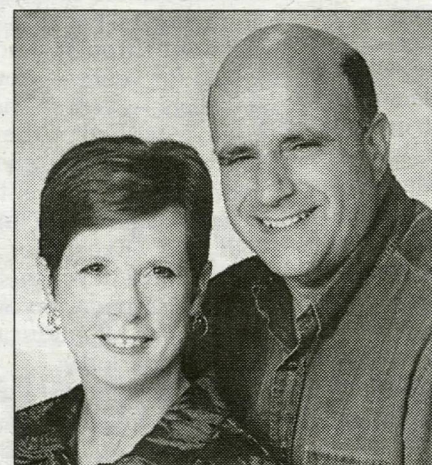
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the usual greetings, as well as "please," "thank you," and "you're welcome." It's not an easy language to learn because its roots are neither Greek nor Roman, so most English speakers find the lexicon to be obscure at the very least.

But listening to the language is a delight. It flows and sings, smoothly and melodically. It has none of the guttural back-throat sounds of German or difficult tongue/lip combinations of French. It is verbal music — to my ears, at least. And since it is not similar to any other language in the world, except vaguely Finnish and Ugric, Magyar is easily identifiable even to the untrained ear.

But there are not a great many Hungarians in the world. It is a small country, after all. Those who emigrate to warmer climes, Camarillo, are recognizable by their accents and their language when they are in public. And since my heritage is Magyar, I hear the language.

I was lying by the pool, minding my own business, completely involved in the latest issue of American Heritage Magazine, when I noticed two handsome, distinguished men drifting about in the pool, having a conversation in Magyar. Presently they said goodbye ("Viszlat") to each other and walked out of the pool. The thinner of the two gentlemen walked directly in front of me as he headed for his chaise and towel. Being whimsical, I said, "Jo napot," ("Hello") as he passed my chaise.

He stopped to look at this stranger who had intruded on his private thoughts. He said, "Magyar?"

I answered, "Igan" ("yes"), "but my mother was born in Budapest. I do not speak the language." I asked him what part of Hungary he was from, and he asked me about my parents. We chatted for a few minutes and I realized that he had a story to tell. And



Elizabeth and Paul Ilovsky in Leisure Village.

what a story!

Paul Ilovsky was a romantic. He was also incredibly lucky. He was born in a small town in Hungary and grew up there. He met a local girl, Erszibet (Elizabeth), and married her at an early age. They had an idyllic existence. Well, they were happy, anyway, and young, and very much in love.

Not too long after their marriage the scourge of the Nazis struck, and Paul and Erszibet were carted away to separate concentration camps. They spent the war there under the most appalling conditions. No human should ever have to go through what these people went through. And it lasted for years — not just a few days — years. They had been separated at the first and neither knew where the other was, or even if the other was alive. So many had died. (Except for an aunt I have never met, who lived in Canada, my whole family was killed during that horrible period.)

Paul was almost entirely unmindful of the world outside the camp. Existence was a day-to-day proposition. Somehow he lived through it, and one day his camp was liberated and he was free again.

Paul was homeless, but at least alive. Living off his wits he managed to travel back to his home village. And after all those years, he discovered that Elizabeth had done the same thing! They were reunited. Of course they both had

changed because of the unbelievable experiences they had both suffered during the war, but their marriage was intact and they still had each other. What a miracle! Against all odds!

Paul was an excellent businessman and Elizabeth an excellent hostess. Paul was able to make enough money for them to immi-

grate to the United States, where he was even more successful. They had a much happier life from then on, and eventually Paul bought a home in Leisure Village and he and Elizabeth lived here for many years.

What a story to hear at the swimming pool! I was astounded! But just on the off-chance, I asked Paul if he or Elizabeth had ever heard of my grandpa, Erno Kiraly. ERNO KIRALY???

"Bob, you won't believe this."

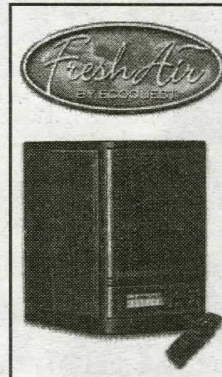
"Of course I will, Paul."

"Bob, your grandfather taught me how to play the violin!"

"WHAT???"

It seems that Grandpa was appearing in Paul's village when, as usual, he fell in love for the umpteenth time and was again broke. Had to get back to Budapest somehow, had a gig at the theatre. Needed train fare. Good old Grandpa. Paul Ilovsky's father helped by hiring Grandpa for a few days to teach Paul how to

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Ilovsky

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play the violin. Paul learned violin, Grandpa kept his theatre engagement date, everyone was happy. This was in the late 1920s or early 1930s.

Time passed, and I was lying at the swimming pool in Leisure Village when I noticed two handsome, distinguished men drifting about in the pool, having a conversation in Magyar. ...

Paul and Elizabeth became friends with Sarah and me. We spent a delightful afternoon at their beauti-

ful house where, as Elizabeth does, she treated us to some wonderful, sinful, exquisite pastries as only Hungarians can do. I loved the conversation and the friendship even more than the pastries. It certainly lasted a lot longer than the pastries did.

Paul and I saw each other often at the pool and chatted easily every time. He always swam, every day, kept up his strength and stamina and his indomitable spirits. What spirit that man had! I wish I had half his character and fortitude and especially his wonderful, warm humor. Never a bad word to say about anyone.

I miss him. He left us a few months back. I never go to memorial services because they are usually depressing, and I am not comfortable there. But I did go to Paul's and his was different. So many fine people, so many good words. I felt Paul's presence there very strongly. I sat quietly in the back row.

I still think about Paul Ilovsky often. And sometimes when I am at the pool and nobody else is there, ripples appear suddenly in the deep end where Paul used to swim. Who knows?

Grandpa would have been proud of his pupil.

Classes

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chology) or specific (e.g., History of Operetta, Communities of the Pacific Rim) terms.

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Worrying

By Harley White

If people could not worry, what would they do, pray tell?

For all their joys and good would come too easily and too well.

Then we'd be happy all the time, and that would never do,

For all must have their bumps and slumps. This proves it. Mustn't you?

If you can think of nothing big, just take a tiny worry,

And in a very little while it grows up in a hurry.

Be sure to take some time each day to make a list or two,

In case you ever should run out of things to worry you.

Solution

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to each owner in the Village. It now is clear from the reported condition of the reserves that they have done this quite well.

A reading of the Leisure Village Reserve Study Summary reveals the following information:

The planned expenditure this year for pavement is around \$343,000, if those items shown in the study with "zero useful life remaining" are to be replaced or repaired.

If we are funded at 125 percent of the necessary funds this year, someone found nearly \$419,000

somewhere. If the once-proposed assessment was to have raised \$1,300,000, what else was it for? \$1,387,000 minus \$343,000 leaves \$957,000 unaccounted for. If we now no longer need this assessment, then someone actually found around \$1,044,000. Wow! Not easily misplaced in a desk drawer.

All of this might be attributable to "creative accounting methods," but then we must be sure that there is not a larger surprise coming in the future.

Owners will be voting on two Board positions this month. The views of the candidates on fiscal matters are critical. The candidates' statements and positions must be understood for

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What is it with men and dogs?

By R. Carol Sweeney Zimmet

What is it with men and dogs? I always thought that there would be a love for dogs, and women like cats. In our home, it is partially right and mostly wrong.

When Marvin married me, I had a dog, Lady, who looked at him with suspicion, tried to trip him on various occasions and finally decided he was here to stay.

Marvin, on the other hand, found out quickly that Lady was here to stay, but never got over his suspicions that Lady meant more to me than he did. Maybe you need an illustration.

We have a wonderful marriage. I cook (as little as possible) and he cleans up the dishes. Since we eat out a lot, that has never been a problem — but I digress.

We always eat breakfast at home, which means I brew real coffee (his taste is instant) and he cleans up the pot. Now, I recognize that he's thinking that if I

would acquiesce to instant coffee, he'd only have a pot of water to clean up, but that's beside the point.

The other morning, Marvin broke the glass pot to the coffee maker. After his usual string of swear words, he said he was going to buy a new one. I pointed out that the store wasn't open and he responded that the trouble with stores was that they all opened at different times. He agreed to wait for the opening hour of the store, and the dog came up to me wanting a treat.

Now, you might wonder how I knew whether she wanted a treat or dog food. The truth is, I don't know, but it doesn't take a rocket scientist to give a dog a cookie or two and see if that's what she wants. Well, it was a cookie she wanted, not her regular dog food. If you wonder how I can tell, talk to other dog owners. Our dogs talk to us, even if you civilians can't figure out how.

I proceeded to offer Lady two or three different kinds of treats, and that's when the fireworks began. Marvin got out of his chair, took my hand and proceeded to bring me to the bedroom, where he pointed out where Lady had hidden a treat. He then walked me from room to room to point out all the places she had hidden treats. I told him she was preparing for a rainy day, but that didn't go over too well.

He then proceeded to the kitchen, where he opened a drawer and pointed out that I had purchased 40 pounds of four kinds of treats for a 20-pound dog and said that the dog was spoiled. I then showed him all the places he had stashed his treats, but he says that's different.

What is it with men and some dogs?

By the way, while I am writing this, Lady is sitting at my feet and agrees with me. She doesn't understand Marvin.

New York

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made this club.

It didn't take long before the New York Club started to grow. Today, there are well over 370 members, and it is still growing. Not everyone is from New York City, but the activities and our enthusiasm has attracted people who wanted to hear of our experiences and perhaps be part of it.

Our activities include summer picnics (New York-style), dinner-dances with a live Big Band, several shows and then dinner and sometime having entertainers come to our Recreation Center to entertain us.

Sometimes this is offered free to residents in our Village. We also have various functions that come up spontaneously.

At our meetings, which are held once a month, we have the gab session and refreshments after the conclusion of our meeting, which sometimes lasts for hours.

Today, there is a part of Leisure Village that is New York City. The New York Club planted a tree and plaque commemorating the Sept. 11, 2001, destruction of the World Trade Center, which was a landmark of that great city. Once a year we meet at the site for remembrance.

Some of us left New York because of the fact that our

children were living here and we wanted to be with them, for our health and climate of California, for which there is absolutely no comparison, and perhaps some of us wanted to experience the adventure of starting something new for ourselves where there were new opportunities. Oh, there were many opportunities, and we wanted to take advantage of it. Needless to say, many of us made a good choice. However, for one thing, we have never forgotten our roots.

New York gave us a good education at the time, and living in that great city gave us character and, let's face it, some people think that we are.

Tikvah Group meets June 18 at Ner Ami

The Tikvah Group will meet on Friday, June 18, at 7:30 p.m. at Ner Ami, 4098

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Farmers Club

By Marjorie Deniston

Our annual picnic will be held August 20 at 4 p.m. It will be held on the Pavilion Patio, which is located just behind the swimming pool. This is always a fun affair. Please save the date. More information on this will be forthcoming.

Our next general meeting will be held September 3. Please put this date on your calendar. At this meeting there will be a vegetable contest. Bring a sample of your best vegetables from your patch. These will be judged, and excellent prizes will be awarded.

Also in September, the Farmers Club will be sponsoring an "open house" in our Garden area. The whole Leisure Village population will be invited to acquaint the Villagers with what goes on behind the "Garden Wall." So until then, happy gardening!

Women's Table Tennis

By Ida Kubica

Ping pong is good exercise for the body and brain. We provide the paddles and balls. Bring a friend!

We now have two days set up for all women table tennis players in the Ping Pong Palace (Annex). Beginning or practiced, all are welcome to join in. Monday and Friday at 8:30 a.m. is the starting time, but come in when you're ready. We play for an hour or more. There's no player setup, just join in where needed.

Question? Call Ida at 388-0628.

Saturday Night Dance

By Barbara Ohmstedt

The Saturday Night Dance has a new time and a new sound. The music starts at 7:30 p.m. and goes on through 10:30 p.m. The new sound incorporates the music of old favorites along

with the new sounds of Rod Stewart and new singers singing the old favorites, as they make an effort to resurrect our music of the '50s, '60s and even some '70s.

Barbara Ohmstedt (987-2954) and Bill Byrnes (987-9675) are the new chairs of the committee, and they are eager to respond to individual requests. Please call them and let them know when you have a special event you wish to celebrate.

Live Band Dance

By Bill Byrnes

The live band dance held on May 29 with the music of Tunes R Us was a sad as well as joyful evening, as Villagers took this opportunity to say goodbye to Jean Aird.

Jean, who has chaired the Saturday Night Ballroom Dance Committee for many years, is moving to Mission Viejo in July to be closer to her children. Jean has been the life blood behind the dances, and she has made a tremendous contribution to the Village over many years.

Jean, you will be missed!

Veterans Club

By Martin Alfred

Our next meeting will be held on June 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Last month we were very pleased to have Jim Edwards, a former member of the British Army in World War II, tell us about his experiences from a different perspective — where his home front was a war zone.

This month, his wife, Lee, will talk about her experience as one of the young refugees sent to the United States and Canada during the war. It will be a most interesting story. Everyone is invited to attend.

For more information call Marty at 389-1610.

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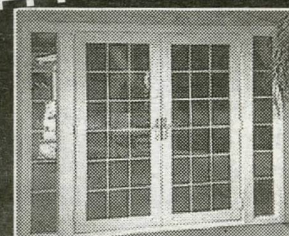


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prehensive view of the differences and similarities between the two forms of management. A lengthy question and answer period followed his discussion.

The next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, June 10, in the Sun Room. Our speaker will be Judy Diaz, Partner of Tolman & Wiker Insurance, who will join us in a presentation of options and practical solutions to reduce our workers compensation costs — now and in the future — by Leisure Village. All residents are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Single Active Seniors

By Zelda Greentree

By now, many of you know that Joni Neckerman is recovering from a fall and that she has a broken arm. Until she can handle the typewriter again, SAS articles will be written by "substitutes."

This month, News & Views will take place on June 8. Please bring your opinions and concerns to the MPR and we'll have a lively discussion.

We have a terrific movie for June 15, "House of Sand

and Fog." It stars Oscar-nominated Ben Kingsley and Jennifer Connelly. It is a "high-impact drama."

Also on the June agenda is Game Night in the Annex on June 22, with poker and mahjong players invited to join in, along with the dedicated Manipulation players.

SAS invites all single residents to its programs each Tuesday at 7 p.m. For information, call 389-9694.

A big get well soon to Joni!

Players Guild

By Ginny Naspo

The Players Guild meeting will be on Thursday, June 17. The workshop program, directed by Ginny Naspo, will be an evening of songs, some old-time tunes that your folks loved to sing and more tunes that we love to sing.

The list of workshop volunteers is still growing. Lend us your talent! Call Sandy Gibson at 484-7697. And as our membership grows, the need for Telephone Callers also grows. Please contact Ginny Naspo at 987-9699 if you can make a few calls each month to remind the members about the monthly meetings.

Women's Club

By Eleanor Thomas

Due to the Fourth of July holiday, there will be no General Meeting of the Women's Club on the first Thursday of the month, July 1. However, the other activities are scheduled as usual.

Workshop members will be in action every Tuesday in the MPR from 9 to 11 a.m. crafting lovely hand-made baby articles, afghans of all sizes, wall hangings, kitchen potholders, towels, and numerous other articles for you to choose every Tuesday morning. Drop in to browse and enjoy a cup of coffee with us.

Trading Post will take place in the AR on Thursday, July 8, with another large display of bargains ready for purchase. Doors will open promptly at 10 a.m. and close at 1 p.m. We look forward to seeing you.

Channel 25

By Jack Whalen

June promises to be one of the most-watched months of the year.

Our Annual Meeting and

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Election Results will be telecast live on Thursday, June 24, at 10 a.m. And we will repeat that program on Wednesday, June 30, at 10 a.m. only.

On Monday, June 28, we will show History Of Leisure Village's Cassette 2. This is in two parts: "Our Pioneers Speak" and "Changes In LV Through the Years." This 2-hour, 14-minute tape will only be shown at 10 a.m.

On Monday, June 7, we will feature, at 10 a.m., our Monthly Open Board Meeting, with a repeat showing on Friday, June 11, at 10 a.m.

A repeat of "Candidates Nite" will play on Wednesday, June 16, at 10 a.m.

On Friday, June 25, at both 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., will be Fred Travalena, the comedian who produced many laughs at a recent Showtime presentation.

Writers Club

By Jack Whalen

Your kids want you to write your family history? Afraid to put words on paper? It's not so difficult. It's just telling the story. It helps to have a sympathetic group of friendly listeners to encourage you on your way. Please join us from 9 a.m. to noon on Mondays in the Garden Room.

International Folk Dancing

By Raye Gabriel

International Folk Dance classes are Mondays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the AR. Virginia Calihan, our leader, reviews dances and teaches some new ones. Join us for the wonderful enjoyment of dancing to ethnic music. Many countries are in our repertoire. Call 482-5621 for more information.

Beginning Bridge

By Raye Gabriel

Beginning Bridge classes are Fridays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the G.R. We are currently into slam bidding with the choice of using Gerber or Blackwood conventions looking for Aces and Kings, and responding to same. Call 383-0130 for additional information.

We are asking those interested to come before 1:30 to be sure to get a seat at one of the tables and before the lecture starts. It starts exactly at 1:30.

Square Dance

By Raye Gabriel

LV Square Dancers meet Tuesday evenings from 7:15 to 9:15 in the AR. Bill Kramer, our fearless caller,

is also a well-known teacher. Besides, he has a wonderful singing voice.

Join us if you have ever square danced. No partners are necessary. Refreshments are served. Call 987-2365 for more information.

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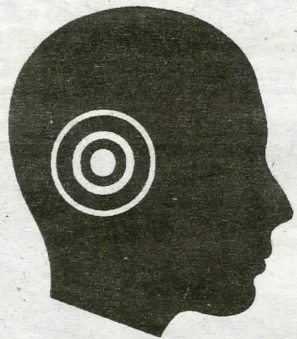
By Bob Sklarz and Flo Doctrow

Our very popular New York Club had quite the field day April 20 at the Santa Barbara Zoo. All 49 Villagers — some from New York, some who had flown over New York, and some who had never been to New York — climbed aboard the bus headed for lunch at Fresh Choice in Santa Barbara and then on to the zoo and then a stopover on State Street. Well, due to a foul-up at the bus company, we discovered there is no Fresh Choice restaurant in

Santa Barbara, so there we were at 10:30 a.m. in Ventura waiting for the only Fresh Choice restaurant in the area to open up for lunch. Well, this group of "Let's Make the Best Of It" did just that: made the best of the foul-up, had lunch and went on to the zoo and encountered still another foul-up. But once again our "Good Time Troopers" laughed it off, and because of this foul-up, we were treated to a great docent tour of the zoo and even had some of our Villagers transported around the perimeter in golf carts. Then it was on to State Street, where many Villagers took advantage of some of the great shops there, like Nordstrom. All in all, in spite of some unexpected twists in our day excursion, we all had a great time.

At the May meeting, tickets were put on sale for

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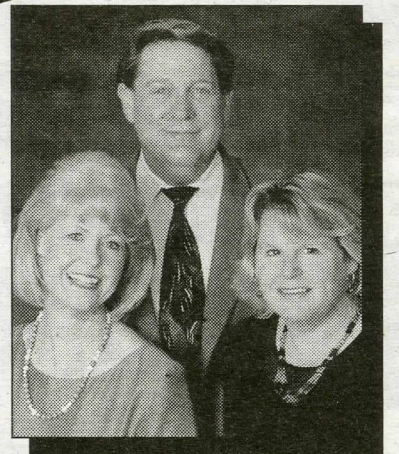


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both the June Dinner Dance and the August 8 Picnic. After line dancing to "New York, New York," "Alley Cat" and "Elvira," we went on to karaoke. This was handled by Ginny Naspo, with the help of Ann Steigerwald and Irv Goodnick. The only problem was that there was not enough time for all those who wanted to be heard. This might become an annual event.

It was announced that LV New York Club T-shirts will be on sale soon. Also, VP Lou Schwab announced that another bus trip to the Chumash Casino is in the works. Helpers are needed for the Picnic, and the list was given to Jerry Doctrow, who is in charge.

VP Alan Caldwell then sketched out plans for future meetings. They include a lecture on humor, an ice cream social to celebrate the fourth anniversary of the club, and a pizza party.

Weight Control

By Connie Santangelo

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Bocce Ball

By Bob Browne

Ah, the good old summertime, when we have some beautiful weather for our Monday and Thursday Bocce Ball games at 9:50 a.m. However, we may move to evening play if the weather gets too hot for morning play. Watch the Bocce Ball Courts Bulletin Board for possible time changes and other club news.

Sy Blau and Frank Bennie say to be sure and reserve June 21-23 for our

2004 Tournament play, followed on June 24 with our Annual Awards Picnic.

L.V. Mens Golf Association

By Mannie Abbate

Come to the meetings on the second Tuesday of every month at 2 p.m.

By now you should have your tickets for the June 16 Installation & Awards Luncheon. The new officers will be sworn in, and the prizes for the year will be presented. The social hour begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by a catered luncheon arranged by our newly re-elected 2nd VP, Jack Kirkland. Tickets are \$12 and are on sale at the 1st tee as usual.

The Presidents Cup Tournament winners will get their just rewards for their play in the 36 Hole competition on our LV Course. The winners are:

A Flight: 1st place, Frank Baker; 2nd place, tie, Joe Kremer and Greg Neasham. B Flight: 1st place, tie, George Fritz and Jack Haran. C Flight: 1st place, Fred Lezpona; 2nd place, Don Schache.

The Tournament of Champions was held at Cam Springs on May 12. The competitors had all been 1st place (gross or net) winners and also had played in at

least five regulation tournaments during the year. The Grand Champion with a low gross score "over the field" is Curtis Couch with a score of 84. Congratulations, Curtis!

The other winners were: A flight, low net (LN), a tie between Jerry Johnson and Al Ball 70. B flight champion, Greg Neasham 88; LN Mannie Abbate 65. Tie for 2nd LN Joe Kremer and Don Hamilton. C flight champion, Frank Baker, 105; tie for LN, Al Schuster and Ernie Loreda, 78.

We are hosting the 19th Hole Party on June 27. Continental breakfast starts at 7:30 a.m. Mixed tournament is at 8 a.m., followed by the party at 3:30 p.m. Darwin Horn, a retired Secret Service agent, will speak on his experiences while protecting President Eisenhower and as an All-American football and baseball athlete.

Bud Miller, Chairman of the 30th Anniversary Celebration Committee, has plans for some special ways you can win prizes without having to use your own money at a gala series of events. Find out more by calling Bud at 482-1436.

We are planning our second Solvang overnight on September 29 and 30. We will have dinner on Sept. 29 at a local restaurant for all who want to attend. The

tournament will be at the River Course at Alisal on Sept. 30, with dinner at the Royal Scandinavian Hotel in the evening. If you haven't called the Royal Scandinavian to reserve your room yet you may lose out on the good deal we

have negotiated for choice rooms at a reasonable price. More complete information can be obtained by calling Mannie Abbate at 482-0642.

We will play at Soule Park on Thursday, June 24. First start will be at 8 a.m.

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Racquet Club

By Anne Wolfson

The Racquet Club meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. All Villagers are invited, especially paddle tennis players and tennis players! Dues are \$5 a year and are payable now to our membership chairman, Kay Bell.

Our slate of officers for 2004 is: President, Phil Belsky; Co-Vice Presidents, Bob and Betty Kumler; Secretary, Betty Stallman; and Treasurer, Fran Greenwald Frank.

Our May meeting was a talk and slide show by Dean McNulty, with his wife, Dorothy, as prompter. He talked about his life growing up on a farm and his life on a ship in Pearl Harbor when it was bombed by the Japanese. This was a very graphic description with the sinking of several ships! Dean had quite a life and is glad that he is now living in Leisure Village!

Our winners and losers of the "Ladder" in paddle tennis were presented crying towels by Bob McQuiby. This caused a lot of laughter as each towel had different symbols according to their owners' accomplishments. Bob, who is a new member, is doing a terrific job of livening up our group!

As usual, our refreshments were delicious, with Anne and Les Solomon and Fran Greenwald Frank doing the honors and Dorothy McNulty as chairman.

This month, the meeting will be on June 16, so come see who the "Mystery Guest" will be and join our lively group.

Country Western Line Dancers

By Jean Thomson

Join us on Tuesday in the AR at 3 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Beginners start at 2:45 p.m. On June 8, we are having our Installation Party after the dance class. Members may bring their spouses or best friend. Questions? Call Rhoda at 484-8132.

L.V. Womens Golf Association

By Rose Abbate

Our Golf Association meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month. We meet in the AR. Refreshments are served at 1:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 2 p.m. Bridge players meet in the Garden Room on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. except on meeting days.

The Appreciation Tournament and Luncheon was a huge success. More than 80 members enjoyed delicious chicken salad with ice cream and local strawberries. The Happy Hoofers headlined great entertainment, followed by songs by the LV talented singers.

Regulation golf is Thursday, June 17, at Cam Springs Golf Course. Cost is \$29, including cart. The

men will host the 19th Hole Party after mixed golf on June 27.

The results of the Club Championship Tournament are as follows: Low Gross over the field 18ers: D. Duke, 119. A Flight: LG, T. Nishizaki, 137; 2nd LG, A. Kroll 147. B Flight: LG, L. Turnbull, 149; 2nd LG, L. Naaktiboren, 166. 9ers LG over the field: D. Praeger, 70. A Flight: LG, S. Kuroki, 71; 2nd LG, I. Cunningham, 74. B Flight: LG, J. Hamilton, 85; 2nd LG, M. Kovack, 91. Congratulations to the winners and to all who participated in the tournament.

Winners for April were 18ers: LG, D. Duke, 56. LN, F. Mead and D. Duke, 51. 9ers: Front: LG, M. Rice, 39; LN, M. Rice, 26. Back: LG, D. Praeger, 31; LN, J. Taylor, 21.

This ends the 2003-04 year, but we'll be back next year. See you on the links on Wednesdays!

Billiard Club

By Milan Weiss

The Billiard Club Spring 8-Ball Tournament was a highly contested event, full of suspense and hushed concentration. The winners were: A Group, 1st place Dick Downey, 2nd place Mel Ducharme and 3rd place Irwin Kress. In the B Group, Jerry Orth took 1st place, Hal Liss took 2nd place and Bob Freedman 3rd place. Congratulations to all.

On Sunday, June 6, there is the Billiard Club Picnic in the Park beginning at noon. A variety of games will be available for your pleasure,

and with skill and a little luck, you could go home with a prize! Hamburgers, hot dogs, beans, potato salad, coffee, soft drinks and dessert will be served. Tickets are \$5 each and are available through several club members. Call Betty Herrmann at 388-9696 for you nearest ticket seller.

On Tuesday, June 22, the regular monthly meeting will be held in the MPR at 7:30 p.m. This meeting will probably be short as most members "strain at the leash" to get out and go to the AR where we will all be entertained by the LV Square Dancers, who really put on an energetic show. There will be gallons of various flavors of ice cream for your gustatorial delight. Want more? Just show up: The night is yours!

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Ceramics Plus

By Martin Ettinger

During May, the club had a display in the Atrium. We filled the cabinet with original works made by our members. There were too many entries to enumerate. Suffice it to say there was a variety of pieces, ranging from abstract art to portraiture to a birdhouse.

There was no meeting in May. At the June meeting, Florence Gillman will deliver a talk titled, "The Mechanics of Pottery." We meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m. in the MPR. All are welcome.

Camera Club

By Jerry Cohen

Preceding the May competition was a farewell dinner party honoring Sam and Roz Weinstein. Sam was one of the stalwarts of the Camera Club and will be sorely missed. He was presented with a beautiful memory book put together by Jerry Spector on behalf of the entire club.

Following the dinner, the monthly competition was held with judging by Bill Ward. The Assigned category for the month was Patterns and Textures, with the first place winner judged to be by Louise Waln. Second place went to Marlene Votion, and third place was a tie between Duane Waln and Jerry Spector. Honorable Mentions were by Jerry Cohen and Vic Fledge.

The Open competition was won by Marlene Votion with second place going to Duane Waln and third place earned by Vic Fledge. The Honorable Mentions were by Bill Robinson and Jerry Cohen.

The first-place winner of the Modified Digital category was Gerry Kaplan, followed by Vic Fledge taking second place and Jerry

Spector earning third place. The Honorable Mention was awarded to Ricky Kaplan.

Everyone is invited to the exciting competitions held on the first Wednesday of each month and the interesting program nights on the third Wednesday of each month. All meetings start at 7:30 p.m. in the MPR. and refreshments follow.

L.V. Exercise Group

By Milt Mankoff

Many members of the Leisure Village Exercise Group enjoyed a complimentary bagel breakfast after exercises on Friday, May 28. This annual event is open to all those who have paid their dues by that date.

The group is now taking reservations for the Gala Catered Dinner Picnic on Friday, June 25. A full course dinner, including dessert and coffee, is served. This fun event features a variety of games and many valuable prizes. Cost is only \$12 per person. Tables of 10 or 12 may be reserved, and individuals will be given assigned places. President Shiphrah Maller is in charge of arrangements with the able assistance of member volunteers. This popular event is usually sold out, and early reservations are a must.

The LV Exercise Group holds forth every Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 9 a.m. at the Pool Pavilion. All residents are welcome to participate in these pleasant and healthful exercises. Make new friends as you "Start The Day The LV Exercise Way."

Leisure Village Travel

By Eugene Foxman

We still have seats for trips in June, which include the Laughlin Ramada Express, as well as a four-day, three-night trip to Mesquite and Zion National

Park and the Lake Arrowhead Adventure in July.

You now can sign up for August trips to the Hollywood Bowl, "Mame," "Hairspray" the musical, and a three-day, two-night visit to Yosemite and Chukchansi Resort.

For more details watch Channel 25 or visit the Travel Office which is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 to 11:45 a.m. The phone number is 482-8062.

RV Club

By Charlie Hartman

If you haven't purchased your tickets for the RV Pancake Breakfast for Saturday, June 19, it's not too late. Tickets are available in the AR lobby on Monday and Friday from 9 to 11 a.m., Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m., or from any club member for \$3. No tickets will be sold at the door. Besides the great food and conversations, most of the money earned is donated to local charities. There is no better deal in town!

Grace and Johnnie Beach hosted another great eating event at Chester's for the month of May. All had more than enough to eat.

The next meeting of the RV Club is scheduled for Tuesday, June 15, in the Multi-Purpose room at 7:30 p.m. Please plan to attend.

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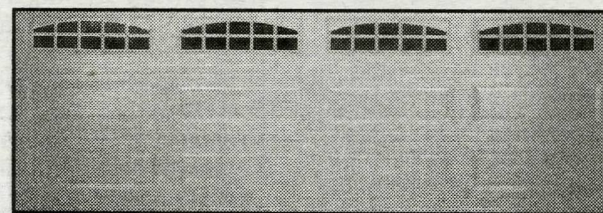
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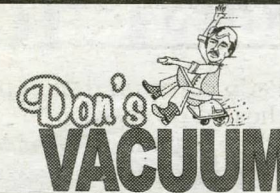
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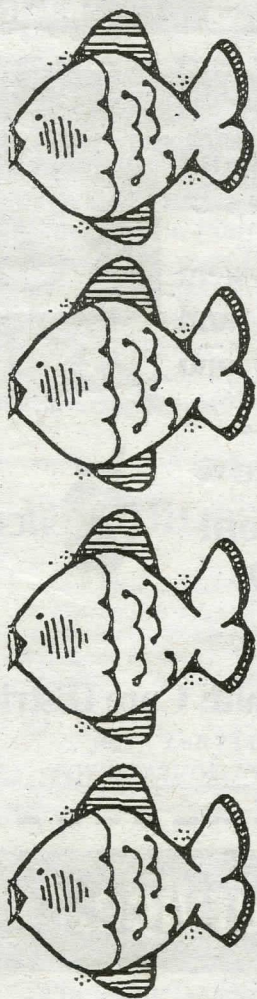
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