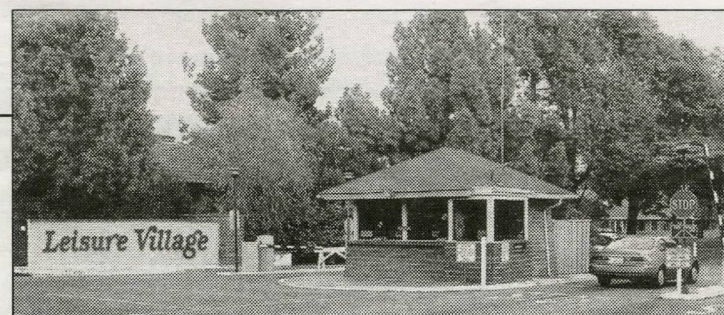


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New Year*

'Canadian lottery' scam targets senior citizens

By Steve Arthur

(Editor's note: The writer is a senior deputy with the Ventura County Sheriff's Department.)

International scam artists attempting to fleece consumers out of very large sums of money are targeting many of our nation's senior citizens.

The most prominent scam has been the "Canadian Lottery," which is estimated to be responsible for \$80 million to \$100

million of stolen funds.

The scams appear in many variations and use numerous techniques, but two common characteristics do emerge.

First, a professional-sounding person contacts the victim via telephone and explains that they are either a lawyer or a Canadian customs official. The victim is told that they have won a substantial amount of money in the

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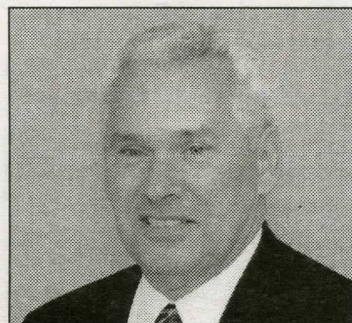
Meet Randy Watkins, your general manager

By R. Carol Sweeney Zimmet

There are many people in the Village who are significant to the lives of Leisure Village residents, but none more important than General Manager Randy Watkins. Yet Randy came into the job with a lot of enthusiasm and a little controversy.

August 10, 1998, General Manager Jim Gembala died unexpectedly. Randy was serving as the Senior Accountant with a background in operations. The Board decided not to have a search and assigned Randy the job in September 1998.

Randy's qualifications weren't questioned as much



Randy Watkins

as the fact that his salary was immediately elevated to the salary that Jim was earning. That's what I mean as a "little controversy."

Randy swiftly took over the job and decided that the

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The Saturday Night Dance Party turned out to be a real scream for Halloween.

Dance — and party — Saturday nights

By Milan Weiss

The Leisure Village Saturday Night Dance Party.

It's an institution — it has history! And, please note that the name has been changed by adding the word "Party."

The Saturday Night Dance started in the Village in 1976, and in 1977, Elmer Eyemann and his wife Elise really kicked ballroom dancing into gear. They started the dance music on a donated juke box and went on to record 60 hours of recorded dance music.

There were many others

through the years who contributed their time and skills to make the Saturday Night Dance popular. Until recently, the dance has been run by Jean Aird, who retired this year. Jean was highly respected and did a wonderful job.

Currently the dances are being run under the direction of Bill Byrnes and Barbara Ohmstedt, with a committee of 13 volunteers. The names of these wonderful volunteers and their duties are listed at the end of this article. You can count on them to be there

every dance night because they enjoy participating, they enjoy the music, and they enjoy the dancing and socializing with their many friends.

The music for the dances are either cassettes, CDs or a live band or group. The recorded music is selected by the committee on the basis of pleasing the many requests for different types of dances. Individual requests can usually be made whenever there is a live group.

The evenings usually

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My thanks to all my good friends who sent cards wishing me a speedy recovery. Your kind thoughts really did help.

— Joseph Selber, V. 31

Over six years ago, when my attending physician left the clinic to teach at the medical school, I was heartbroken, as were other of his patients. After awhile we all realized that his personal interests came first, and slowly, we got used to it.

I had a choice of picking one of the new doctors, but I preferred one that I knew — an old-timer with a good reputation. Therefore, I made an appointment to go and see Dr. Ernest A. Pillado, a family practitioner, and became his patient. I never regretted it.

Among other things we discussed, he told me that his dream as a child was to become a doctor so that he could help people who were suffering and he could ease their pain. His words surprised me, as he was the only doctor I had ever met whose aim was to help the poor and sick and dedicate his life to that. I naturally endeared this young man and put him at the top of my list of favorite people.

I soon found out that he meant what he said and was so thorough and particular that I couldn't believe it. When something came up that he was in doubt about, he had to get to the bottom of it and had no peace until he did.

Recently, I pulled a mus-



Photo courtesy Ventura County Sheriff's Department

Watching K-9 officers and the Bomb Squad are among the benefits of joining the 12-week Camarillo Police Citizens Academy, which begins Jan. 4.

Police Citizens Academy starts soon

By Robert A. Nathan

The 12-week Camarillo Police Citizens Academy begins Jan. 4, 2005, at the Camarillo Police Department.

Class times are 6 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday night and will end with a graduation ceremony on March 22. Demonstrations will be given by a K-9 officer and partner, SWAT Team, Bomb Squad, CSI

Technician, and many others. You can meet your police chief, Commander Mike Lewis, and get a comprehensive tour of the police station.

There will be field trips to the Pre-Trial Detention Facility (main jail) in Ventura, the heliport, and the police academy.

This is the 13th such academy in Camarillo, and past participants were

amazed at what the police department has to offer. Everyone had a great time, and no one was arrested!

There is no cost for the academy and no obligation to use your newfound knowledge as a Camarillo Citizen Patroller; however, many do!

Call Senior Deputy Steve Arthur at 388-5130 for more details and to sign up.

cle behind my right knee cap. The leg was so painful and in minutes it swelled out of proportion. I couldn't walk. In a panic, I called his

office and left a message with one of his darling nurses, Lisa, whom I like very much and who has always greeted me with a smile.

She was very sympathetic and tried to help me, and minutes later called back to tell me that the doctor wanted to see me immediately, to go to the office. But I couldn't walk, let alone drive.

To my amazement, this wonderful gentleman understood my dilemma and came to my house to examine me and see if anything

LV's Johnny Appleseed

By Bill Robinson

Leisure Village has its own Johnny Appleseed.

His name is Chris Hansen. He can be seen walking in shorts, his long white hair waving, and carrying a big stick. He goes around spreading goodwill and kindness throughout the Village.

Usually he carries a camera, taking pictures of individuals and events. Without requests, he has pictures printed and, in some cases, mounted as a "multi-picture" poster. These are freely given to individuals or groups.

Chris is always busy. He recently published "The Big Boy Story," where he was in on the ground floor. He rose from dishwasher to vice president of marketing and board member and more.

Currently, Chris is publishing his autobiography, including a prominent section on Leisure Village with numerous local photographs.

So, when you see Chris, give him a warm greeting and give him thanks for his many good deeds.

was broken. He gave me a shot in the knee.

I could go on and on

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Deadlines for next month

The Display Advertising deadline for the January 2005 issue will be Monday, December 6, at 5 p.m. Deadline for letters, club news, stories and photos is Saturday, December 11, at 5 p.m. Publication is scheduled for January 7. 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.

'Bishop's Wife' will ring in holidays on Dec. 12

By Bob Koster

By now we will have seen the evening with the Marx Brothers. Their kind of chaos doesn't exist anymore. I guess we all think we're too sophisticated to have that much fun. Maybe not. But they were unique in comedy history.

Remember how Groucho Marx refused an invitation to become a member of the Wilshire Country Club? He said he wouldn't want to be a member of a club that would accept him as a member! He also was president of his own production company for awhile. He once stood up in the middle of a very serious budget meeting, declared, "Gentlemen, they have just fired on Fort Sumter!" and stormed out of the room. He also was known to walk into

the children's section of a book store and ask the salesgirl, "Say, do you have anything obscene for a 5-year-old girl?"

They sure don't make them like that anymore! Not even the open Board meetings are that much fun.

Our Christmas show will consist of a double bill: "The Bishop's Wife," starring Cary Grant, Loretta Young and David Niven. For some odd reason, Sam Goldwyn, the producer, insisted on calling Loretta Young "Miss Ying."

After the break, we will show a very special version of "A Christmas Carol," with the great impressionist, Rich Little, playing all the roles. It's a good, fun evening, and I know you'll enjoy it.

This will all be on Dec. 12 in the A.R. at 7 p.m.

Come one, come all, bring your friends, roommates, children. Even your spouses. (Say, is the plural of spouse, "spice?")

January will start a new year. Now that's a profound statement in and of itself. So let's do somethin different. Let's go back to the early days of television and dig up some good old TV comedy, when nobody knew what TV was yet, and people were experimenting with this new medium.

There were the great old baggy-pants comedians who took to TV like ducks to water: Milton Berle (Uncle Miltie) was a prime example. Red Skelton was another. He drifted in from a mediocre career in films to become one of TV's brightest stars. Who can forget his characters Clem Kadiddlehopper and Junior, the Mean Little Kiddie? ("Ow! You hurt my widdle hand! You hurt my widdle

hand!")

But we're going back to the very beginnings, when we had to adjust our own TV sets and we could never exactly get it right. In those days, there was a brilliant, inspired comic named Ernie Kovacs. He was the progenitor of almost all the comics who followed, in spirit at least.

His widow, the irrepressible Edie Adams, put together a loving, nostalgic TV show with some of Kovacs' best routines: Eugene, the somewhat wayward walf; the Nairobi Trio (a jazzband of gorillas); and Percy Dovetonsils, the poet. Percy always had a martini on the table next to him while he read his poetry. And it usually was a real martini. One day the stagehands, as a joke, poured plain water into the martini glass, and also put a tiny little goldfish into the glass as well, just to see how Kovacs would

react.

He definitely stretched the imagination, and many of his comedy routines were right "off the wall." This will be an evening you won't easily forget. Maybe as an encore, after the break, we'll play a couple of the old Red Skelton routines as well. We'll see.

We will see the amazing antics of Ernie Kovacs in the A.R. on Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. The show is always free, and as always there will be coffee, popcorn, punch and Judy. The popcorn, as always, will be ably popped by our popmeister, Luciano, and hearing aids will be dispensed by Ron, who hears perfectly well. By the way, be sure to return the hearing aids when you finish with them, and please, please use the provided trash cans, not the floor, for your used cups and popcorn bags. Thanks in advance!

See you at the movies!

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For memoriams, call Flo Doctrow at 389-8964.

BETTER BREATHING

By Lorraine Comer

Just a short note to thank all of you who have been attending the monthly session of Better Breathing. I wish you all well and hope

you practice what we learn during each session.

There will be no meeting in December, but we will continue in January again.

Have a wonderful holiday season, and stay well.

By Sigmund Jaffe

Dr. Dorrance will present a Social Philosophy course in the Winter-Spring Semester here in Leisure Village.

Social Philosophy studies

SUPPORT GROUP

If you have the responsibility of caring for a dependent loved one, come to our Caregivers Support Group. We meet on the first Monday of each month with a professional facilitator, Jim Sheldon, MFC. There are no fees.

The next meeting will be Monday, Dec. 6, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Sun Room. There will be no meeting in January. Happy holidays!

For more information, call Charlotte at 482-1331.

Social Philosophy class set for January

man in society from the standpoint of metaphysical and ethical principles and presuppositions of human nature.

Registration for the class will take place on Dec. 15 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Sun

Room. The class will begin on Jan. 14 and run from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Sun Room. It will continue on successive Friday mornings until May 13. It will earn the students three units of college credit.

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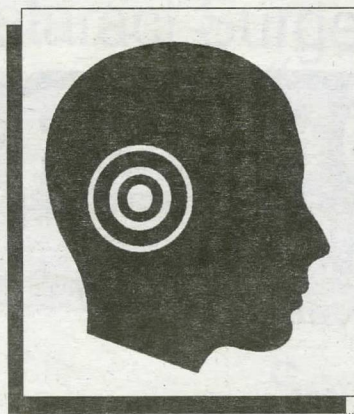
about this wonderful doctor who was truly dedicated to helping his patients. When I asked him why he was putting me through so much torment (as I called it) and sent me to have all the x-rays and tests, he said that he had to make sure that he didn't overlook something dangerous. He had to be absolutely positive for his own peace of mind, and mine too. He felt that he

was responsible for my health.

Now I understand why everyone likes him. he treats his patients, young or old, with the same courtesy, friendship and understanding. Due to his perseverance, which I follow religiously, I hope to be able to walk soon and put this experience behind me.

I thank Dr. Ernest A. Pillado for his help and concern and wish him and his family a happy holiday season!

— Helen Dobrescu,
V. 34



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Whose job is it to take care of Leisure Village?

By Joseph Benti

Don't you sometimes wish you could change something in the Village?

Well, you can. But only if you decide to be a part of the Village.

One consistent and critical need facing Leisure Village — year in, year out — is for more residents to get involved in running their own community.

Those who attend Board meetings regularly, usually only a comparative handful (many more probably watch the live broadcast and rebroadcast on Channel 25), are often outnumbered by those who head up or who are members of the 16 Advisory Committees that assist the Board in its work.

Each Committee Chairperson is automatically a member of the formal Advisory Committee which meets once every quarter. The Committee reports the sense of the community to the Board regarding all aspects of being a member of the Leisure Village Association.

Although some may not realize it, because of the Village setting, and the sense that we bought individual residences much like those many of us owned before moving here, in the eyes of the law we live under the rules governing associations. We are no different, in fact, than any other condominium.

Under Village bylaws, the sole purpose of a committee is, "to act in an advisory and consulting capacity to the Board of Directors." Contrary to what some think, committee members are strictly instructed not "to organize and act to oppose positions or actions taken by the Board of Directors." Aside from the Board generating direction and carrying out resident wishes, Committees are, in effect, a kind of seedbed, where Board policies and changes in Village life come into being or are refined and carried out, always, of course, at the Board's direction.

And that is where we face the heart of an ongoing dilemma: All Committees are composed of volunteers. If there are not enough volunteers, this or that committee suffers; in turn, the Village suffers — all of us, as the business and pleasure of such a community becomes weakened or corrupted.

At the November Open Board Meeting, in a brief but cogent assessment of the promise and problem, Insurance Committee Chair Arthur Katz reminded those who come before the Board to complain, that, very often, they have ignored the Committee process. That, he said, is where "the action begins."

More than that, though, Katz noted, those who want things done or to be changed should "volunteer for a committee."

For months now, for example, Television Chair Bob Koster has been pleading for residents to consider giving some of their time, if only a few hours a month, to working cameras or providing technical assistance to relieve the burden on the three volunteers who, with one paid staff member, carry the entire load of keeping Channel 25 on the air.

Many other Committee Chairs consistently plead for residents to attend Committee meetings. Once there, it is believed, many will likely discover areas that both interest them and will add to their enjoyment of becoming more involved members of the Leisure

Village community.

Whether it's the color of the paint used on our residences, the behavior of our neighbors, or how Village employees interact with residents — whatever involves any of us outside our homes but within the Village — it is, at some point, affected by the work of a volunteer, or by the failure of not having enough volunteers to do the work.

After all, volunteering is one way to be present in one's community, to make everyday life more like that he or she might have imagined it could be when they first moved in.

And those who moved in with the not-unfamiliar California attitude of "leave me alone and I'll leave you alone" do not really grasp the idea of what "community" living is all about.

Here's one example of how a volunteer can help him or her self and help the community.

In the nearly year and a half that I have lived here, Building and Grounds Chair Jane Needle has appealed for volunteers to do no more than walk and look. Their job is simple: Get fresh air, exercise and monitor the condition of the Village grounds and their upkeep. What could be simpler or more refreshing?

And, what could do more for the simple esthetics of your community?

If it's complexity you want, if you care how the money is being spent, yours and mine, there is the Finance Committee, where Chair Pat Busch always wel-

comes visitors, if not your actual participation, as does Art Katz and his Insurance Committee. Oh, and don't forget Nancy Kuebel's Purchase Research Committee, an especially enticing place for those who like to shop, or at least price things.

Residents who complain

about the problems, from the cost and waste of water (Bob Ellis's Water Committee) to educational and recreational activities (Ernie Ohmstedt's Education and Recreation Committee), can do something about it.

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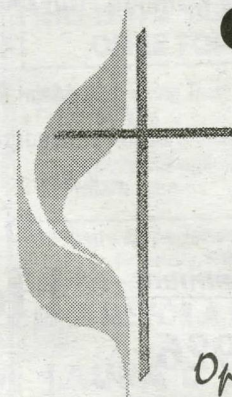
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Is your home earthquake-proof?

By Joe Foraker, V. 30

Every resident of earthquake-prone areas should identify potential dangers in the home by conducting an earthquake hazard hunt. The only tools you need are foresight and common sense.

As you go from room to room, imagine what would happen during an earthquake.

Some potential hazards are:

- Tall, heavy furniture that could topple, such as bookcases, china cabinets, or modular wall units.
- Hot water heaters that can topple, pulling away from pipes that will probably rupture.

- Appliances that can move enough during severe shaking to rupture gas or electrical lines.

- Hanging plants in heavy pots that could swing free of hooks.

- Heavy picture frames or mirrors over beds.

- Cabinet latches that will not hold the door closed during shaking.

- Breakable and heavy objects that are kept on high or open shelves.

- Flammable liquids, such as painting or cleaning products, that would be

safer in a metal cabinet in the garage or in an outdoor shed.

You should take steps to correct these hazards. You can secure or relocate heavy items to greatly reduce hazards where you live and work.

Significant earthquake anniversary: Nov. 11, 1755. Lisbon, Portugal, was destroyed after a powerful earthquake was followed by a tsunami and raging firestorm. More than 70,000 were killed.

To the Kleenex fairy

By Joseph Benti

They're here, and there, they're everywhere we gaze

Those discarded wads of Kleenex that litter all our days.

Are you a sneezing gent, or someone's granny, gray and sweet

Who blows your nose and drops your Kleenex on every Village street?

Has someone sewn your pockets shut so your Kleenex can't go home,

Like doo-doo-dropping dog-owners soiling everywhere you roam?

Despite the thousands that we spend each year to keep our Village clean

Careless dog-owners and Kleenex Fairies drop and run, mostly sight unseen.

What's your failing, that blind spot, that makes you ignore our pleas?

It's time to understand your dirty, lazy habits help to spread disease.

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There are enough jobs and Committees to suit every general talent, taste and interest.

Most importantly, they are jobs being done by men and women, volunteers, fellow residents, who decided they would not let somebody else do it alone.

So, whose job is it?

You probably know the answer.

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The first deadly sin of community associations

By Ted Lansing

One way that Leisure Village owners can help to protect their investment is to learn what some call the "Seven Deadly Sins."

The concept of using the idea of sin, right from wrong, for judging how community organizations like the Village are being operated, was developed by the Community Association Institute. The institute is a trade organization representing the nationwide industry of Community Associations, their managers, and the various businesses which deal with them. Most importantly, it is the industry's voice in legislatures and the media.

It was in the institute's national publication, titled "Common ground," last year that I found an inter-

esting article, titled "Seven Deadly Sins," which I "borrowed" to use here. The article by Christopher Durso poses a number of "sins" that may be observed when, as he, puts it, "boards go bad."

Durso advises every resident of a Community Association to be aware of these conditions, how to recognize them, and what they might imply.

In coming articles, I will cover most of them, but I will begin with Sin No. 1: Is your board allowing your community to fall apart?

If your community does not appear to be maintained properly, if it has features that are no longer in prime condition, if it appears seedy or trashy, your board may be committing Sin No. 1.

The neglect does not

have to be visible everywhere you look. If just certain features are well kept, but others are not, this may be the tip of an iceberg. Perhaps some services are difficult to obtain, or impossible. If the staff is unable to deliver expected services or information due to excess workload, there may be a form of neglect at work. Neglect by the board may take the form of inadequate budgeting, staffing, or both.

Are conditions that affect health or safety left uncorrected for excessive periods of time? Are items of regular maintenance left undone too long, so that corrections are more extensive than they should be?

A pothole in a street is a safety hazard. If it grows from three inches in diameter to three feet, something is wrong.

Dead trees that eventually shed branches are another hazard. Are they removed in a timely manner?

Are fences allowed to deteriorate or are they promptly repaired?

Does the recreation center look seedy or piled with debris? Does it appear unattractive to visitors?

Any of these indicates a lack of proper attention to the community's needs.

Remember, the responsibilities for the association's business are lodged in the board of directors, no one else.

Responsibility can not be

delegated. Only the authority to perform or to act may be delegated. If any of the above conditions exist, it is the board's responsibility to correct them.

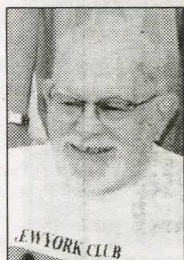
If a board neglects the community it serves, that may be because outside conditions are interfering with its responsibilities, distracting the board from its obligations to the members of the Association.

Next month, I'll cover the Second Deadly Sin of Community Associations: the possible sources of outside distractions and what should be done.

Founder of New York Club, Bob Sklarz, dies after illness

By Ben Perry

The New York Club of Leisure Village has lost a dear friend in Bob Sklarz.



SKLARZ

Bob died Sunday, Nov. 21, after a lengthy illness.

Bob was active as one of the original nine members of the club and

was instrumental in getting Villagers who originally

came from New York City in forming the club.

He was a teacher in the Brooklyn school system and was beloved by his students. He even managed to keep in touch with some of his former students.

He loved playing golf until he could no longer get around. He became a poker player and enjoyed the camaraderie of his poker pals as well as his friends listening to him quoting Shakespeare. He will be sorely missed!

Bob leave his wife, Florence, two daughters and grandchildren.

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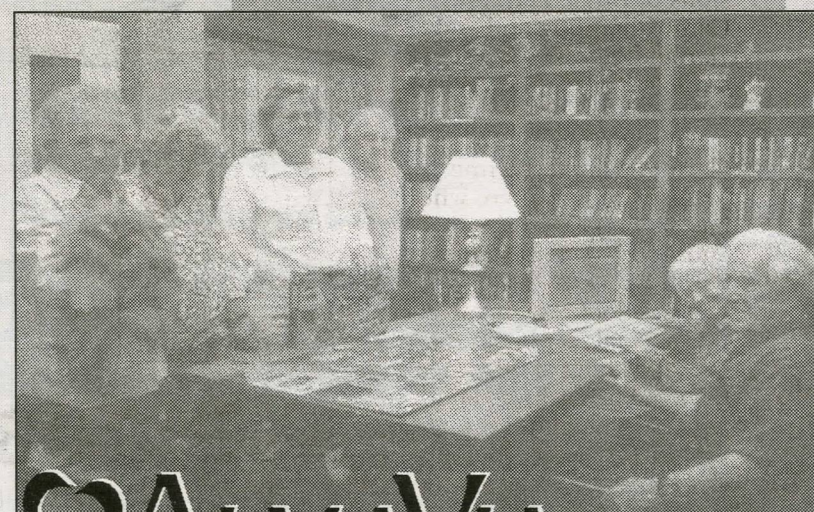
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Marilyn King will perform in the A.R.

Marilyn of the King Sisters coming to LV on Dec. 20

By Jim Brown

Marilyn King will return to Leisure Village and perform for us on Monday, Dec. 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the A.R.

Marilyn has worked the Village several times in the past, although the most recent performance was to open for comedian John Byner about a year and a half ago. She's as beautiful and talented as ever and wanted to say hello to a lot of Leisure Village fans she has developed here. Showtime is happy to have her back.

Recent bookings have explored Marilyn's comedic and vocal talents with engagements throughout the L.A. jazz scene. An October gig at the Hilton Hotel in Woodland Hills saw Marilyn thrill the audiences, backed by her trio of fantastic musicians headed by John Hammond, her musical director and pianist for the group.

The youngest of the famous King Sisters musical group, Marilyn has stretched her popularity throughout the entertainment field, recently wowing the crowds in Vegas, Laughlin and many invited

jazz concerts throughout the United States. This included a three-month sold-out tour of the States with the Harry James Orchestra in concert.

Marilyn King has a new CD, "Solo Flight," which you can purchase at the conclusion of her Dec. 20 engagement here in Leisure Village. It was recorded this past July by Alamody Records. It features her live performances with the King Family, doing her impressions of Ethel Merman, Carol Channing and Judy Garland, and several standards we remember her by as well.

Working here with Marilyn will be the fine pianist Cal Bezemeo, who has accompanied the legends Herb Jefferies and Sarah Vaughn.

We're looking forward to this special last business meeting show of 2004, featuring Marilyn King, and we ask that you plan for a great evening of songs, comedy and just good entertainment from one of the best in the business. It's free, and we wish you all a happy holiday spirit. We'll see you Dec. 20. There's coffee and goodies too!

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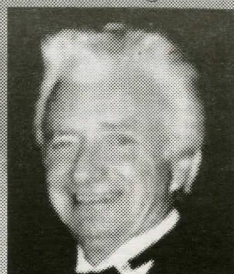
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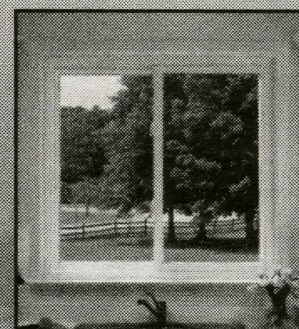
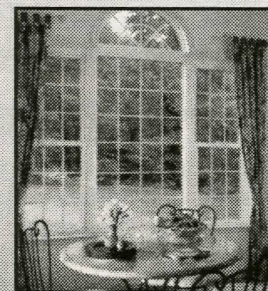
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What you need to know about homeowners insurance

By Arthur Katz

(Editor's note: This article by the Chairman of the Insurance Committee is for information for Leisure Village residents only. It is not intended to promote or solicit any specific policies or organizations.)

Homeowner insurance policies are referred to sequentially, 1 through 7. In this article, I'll take a closer look at HO-6, usually referred to as The Condominium Owners Policy.

The HO-6 policy is divided into two parts: Part 1, the Property Portion, is divided into several sections which include Building, Loss of Use, Loss Assessment and Personal Property; and Section 2, the Comprehensive Personal Liability portion.

This article deals with HO-6 policies and Personal Property.

The Personal Property Section covers all your belongings, and it is a typical area of insurance that underscores the adage, "the big print gives it to you and the fine print takes it away." This is true of most insurance policies which may say that they cover all of your belongings but then say, "No," we are going to cover this or that, this or that way.

For insurance purposes, there are three types of household belongings: those that are fully covered, those that have limited coverage and those not covered.

It is up to you to know what is not covered and what might be covered on a limited basis and, obviously, everything else that is covered. It is a good idea to make a list of all that you own, all that you consider your personal belongings, then ask your agent, specifically, what is or is not covered, or what gets limited coverage.

Some examples of limited covered items are: 10 percent or \$1,000 at another location; \$100 of money (so get that money out from under your mattress); \$500 on deeds, checks etc.; \$500 theft of jewelry, watches; \$2,500 silver or gold; and \$200 of Business Property.

There can be many more and different ones depending on the insurance provider. When you know what personal property is only good for limited coverage, and you want to have covered, then ask your agent if the company offers any options that allow you to buy more expensive insurance to cover such items, even if only on a limited basis.

Property not covered at all would be: Personal

Property in this policy or elsewhere (such as specific insurance on a painting); animals of any kind; motor vehicles, including parts and property on the residence premises if in an apartment for rent.

These are only examples and will be different for every insurance company. Your job — your responsibility to yourself and your family — is to make sure that your agent is talking to you about limited and excluded property. The rest takes care of itself. If your agent is not making this clear, get another agent.

I will always stress the importance of having an insurance agent who will give you all the knowledge you need. That means, primarily, an agent who will give you all the time necessary to guarantee that all your questions get asked and answered.

To achieve this, you must let the agent determine what your needs are and then present you with a formal proposal to meet your needs! That's why you have to make sure the agent asks about your potential exposures to losses, and that he gives you answers.

If you are dealing with an agent who brushes you off, who doesn't come to your home, who has little or no time to answer your ques-

tions, no matter how many, or how big or small, then you should have no time for him. Get a new agent.

I'll have more about HO-6 property information next month. Have a safe life and my best wishes for a happy holiday season.

To those who dropped off questions at the Insurance

Committee Box in the Recreation Center, thank you. I will answer those I can or recommend action for those that may exceed my competency.

If you want to know more about insurance, come to an Insurance Committee meeting at 9 a.m. the third Wednesday of every month.

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Channel 25 has big plans, if residents agree to help

By Bob Koster

It's time that I pull back the curtain on "The Wonderful World of Oz," better known as Channel 25.

Each month, as Chair of the Television Committee, I am proud to report all the good things that our little TV station does and more good things on the horizon in the near future.

I am also proud to single out the "beyond the call of duty" contributions of our little band of volunteers, George Huddleston, Bob Vanderhaven and Art Kaufman — as well as the dedicated musical programming contributions of Ben Perry.

It should be obvious that without their tireless work and selfless commitment, Channel 25 would be little more than an electronic calendar of events.

Frankly, that is a shame, but it is the truth.

Channel 25's entire output rests on their capable shoulders and the devoted contributions of our single paid employee, Mark Smith. We are on the verge of an expensive and far-reaching upgrading of equipment and space that will make our little television station capable of even greater contributions to Village life than is now possible.

If all goes as planned, we will soon upgrade all our outdated equipment to the latest digital versions. That means our picture output will be sharper and the sound will be clearer, easier to understand.

With lighter and smaller, more portable cameras, we will be able to transmit live and record more events in more locations, all to better serve, inform and entertain residents with events and news of our community.

As I have reported in previous articles, a new, more powerful computer is going to give us more programming flexibility. While improving our timing processes, it will enhance

our editing and presentation so that what you see will be more like that which you experience in your everyday television viewing.

Finally, money has been budgeted to expand and remodel our facilities to provide more room to create programs, store our equipment and, generally, make television more accessible and exciting for all Villagers who are interested in seeing this wonderful facility fully utilized.

That means we can begin to act on some of those ideas that have been suggested, including the constant request that we get our cameras outside for interviews and on-the-scene reports and shows.

All of this is in the immediate future. All of it, however, will boil down only to promises that might not be kept because Channel 25 is, in truth, a lot like that "Land of Oz" I mentioned at the beginning.

The reason for this is clearer than Channel 25's signal. Quite simply, when you pull back the curtain, you'll find those few "wizards," that handful of dedicated workers I mentioned at the beginning of this article. Without them, we would not have much of anything on our wonderful and unique communications tool.

You see, the deeper more perplexing truth for me is that while we have one of the largest memberships of any Village committee, we do not have enough people to do the several critical jobs that must be done if any of the promises I have mentioned are to be fully realized.

As it stands, right now, if nothing changes, if no more men and women come forward to work in television, little or none of what is promised can be done.

Each month, we have asked — pleaded — for volunteers, and, each month, not a soul steps forward to

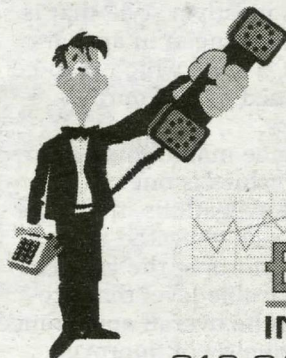
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Friendly tyranny of architectural control

By Ted Lansing

A Community Association's architectural control over what can or cannot be done to the out-sides of residences often drive some Villagers not only up the wall, but may make some want to tear down a wall or two.

The Davis-Sterling laws, which cover Community Associations in California, do not give much attention to the issue. Instead, the laws are directed mainly at fairness and reasonableness.

The laws hold that restrictions on exterior modifications and construction must be "reasonable" with regard to appearance, practicality, cost and other factors. Restrictions must be established in some standard that is published, and they must be applied equally to all members of the association, with the permit process uniformly (fairly) applied to all situations and persons.

Federal and state laws have specifically set out certain items that are not to be denied by any municipality or other authority, most significantly, the placement of television antennas for receiving broadcasts, and the placement of solar energy systems. Associations are permitted under these laws to make reasonable restrictions on appearance and location of these items, but not such that their costs are drastically increased or the efficiency of their functions is materially reduced.

For simpler items, the control of architectural features or improvements is

the sole province of the Architectural Committee. In Leisure Village, this is established by the CC&Rs as a standing committee with discretionary powers to establish and enforce architectural restrictions.

Article VI, paragraph 6.3 of the CC&Rs states, in part: "Notwithstanding anything contained in this declaration expressly or implied to the contrary, no improvement may be constructed or placed on this project or any portion thereof, without the approval of the Committee having first been obtained."

Stating the definition of its powers in such clear terms is, in fact, so powerful that even the Association itself must follow its provision.

Over the years, the Architectural Committee has developed and enhanced those guidelines, a copy of which is available in the Library at the Recreation Center.

The most recent update was completed in July of this year. As time passes, the guidelines grow and change, mostly because of developments in building technology and materials, and other features that simply become popular.

In addition to the guidelines, several addenda have been created that describe in detail those items that require specific definition — for example, Addendum 1, which describes patio covers and enclosures.

In all, there are 37 such additions to the basic document.

At present, certain things are not permitted by the guidelines or the Architectural Committee. Among these are: the color white in just about any application; bright metal details of any kind; certain types of panelized construction for patio enclosures; and awnings of any kind.

As a basic consideration, overall, the Village maintains mostly a style that is Mediterranean in appearance, a style which is to be retained in all improvements.

Since maintaining property values is one of its chief obligations, the committee is obligated to support efforts at the highest practicable level that promote the overall appearance and quality of improvements.

Also over time, the manner of permit application and issuance has been improved. Resident members come to a committee meeting, receive consultation services if needed, and then the permit is processed. Applicants may wait for the permit. However, if the applicant prefers not to wait, a committee member assigned to their request will deliver the permit to them a few days later.

Currently, through the holiday period, the Architectural Committee meets on first and third Fridays from 8:30 to 11 a.m. for consultation, issuance of permits and general meetings.

The location will be posted on Channel 25.

HAPPY HOOFERS

By Ida Zeller

The Happy Hoofers are still around and kicking — kicking up their heels, that is.

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CHANNEL 25

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join George, Bob and Art. For us to expand, we need camera operators, editors, sound engineers, programmers, message managers, writers and creative people to join our staff.

As is often said, there's a bottom line: If the staff of Channel 25 does not increase, we will soon have to give up programming altogether. This is not an idle threat. It is a fact.

If we are going to expand Channel 25, if we are going to live up to our promise, you have to help, now. If not, then consider the likely results of no action. Are you ready to give up on pro-

gramming and just have an electronic bulletin board? Will you eventually decide that, too, is just too demanding and get rid of it?

What about Showtyme? The Player's Guild presentations? Ending live and taped Board Meetings? Current Events Forums? Movie and Book Reviews? Town Hall Meetings? And any and all special presentations and regular shows?

It's time to act, not just to keep letting Art, Bob and George do it.

The only answer can come from you, you and you!

Call me, or attend our Committee meetings on the third Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the Lanai Room.

WATKINS

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only way to convince people of his abilities was to do the job well and embark on a program to "certify" his professionalism. He therefore took a course that led to his becoming an Association Management Specialist (AMS), a Certified Manager of Community Associations (CMCA) and a Certified Community Association Manager (CCAM), all certified by the Community Associations Institute of California. But that was not enough.

He next enrolled in the Professional Community Association Manager (PCAM) and completed it five years later. The testing is on a case-study basis, and there are only 1,400 PCAMs in the country out of 250,000 associations.

That brings us to today.

Randy's major responsibilities are to interface between the Association office and members of his staff in the day-to-day operations of the Village. He is the problem solver who helps to facilitate the smooth running of the Village. So you may not interface with him on a personal basis. However, he is in attendance at the Open

Board Meetings as well as the Working Board Meetings.

Perhaps a word about Working Board Meetings: Often homeowners come to the Open Board Meeting to complain about problems they are encountering. Frequently, the problem is referred to Randy. But there is a better way.

Attend a Working Board Meeting and fill out a yellow card to address the Board. It is far more informal, and after you have the opportunity to present your problem, you also have a chance to ask questions of Board members or Randy. It is one of the best forums for Homeowners.

In my discussion with Randy, I asked him what message he would like to give to Villagers.

"If you are having a problem with a staff member, call him," Randy said. "Staff is there to help, even when they are stymied by the rules. But sometimes it is necessary to enforce the rules because they are part of the CC&Rs or Board Rules."

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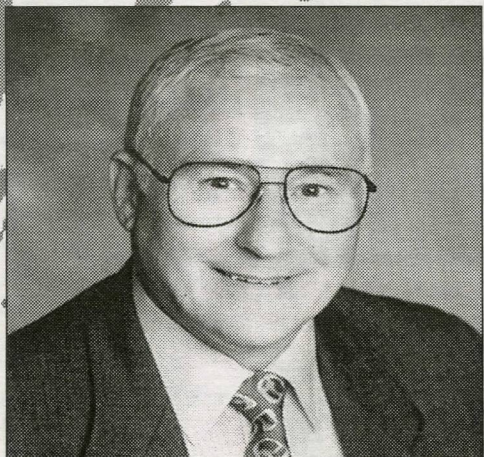
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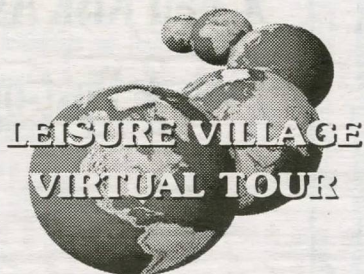
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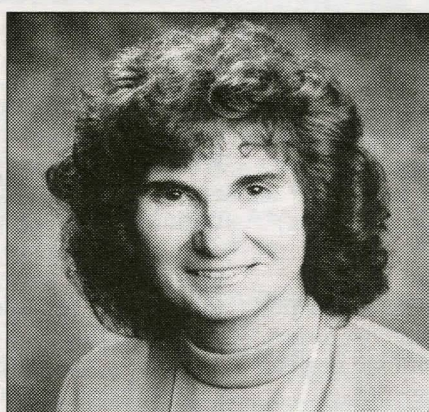
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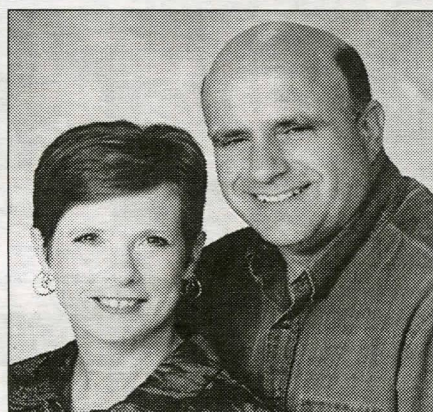
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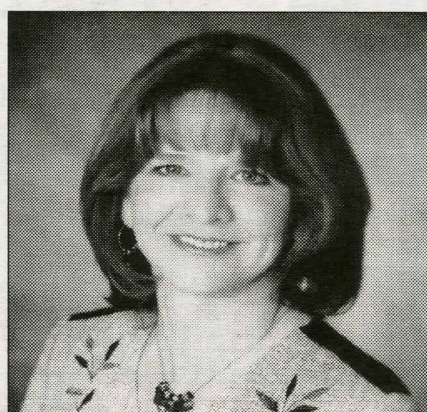
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SCAM

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"Canadian Lottery," however because of international taxes, the victim will need to send a cashier's check or arrange the wiring of money to the lottery before they are able to claim the prize. The fraudulent agency will continue to call until the person sends the money and will not accept "No" for an answer.

The second fraudulent scenario involves a professional-sounding individual

claiming to be with a national law firm, contacting the victim and explaining that they have been a victim of a scam called the "Canadian Lottery." The caller then explains that they represented other victims in a class action lawsuit that resulted in the return of stolen funds; however, the victim will need to pay a processing or legal fee prior to their funds being returned. The caller then tells the victim that the judge has placed a gag order on the case, and if the victim tells anyone, they will not receive their money.

In many reported cases, the scam artist will require the victim to send the money via Western Union and required a password to be made to retrieve the money. This should alert the victim of fraud because it allows an individual to receive funds without presenting identification.

In all cases, the victim does not receive a prize, monetary or otherwise.

There are several red flags that can be observed to alert potential victims of eminent fraud:

- Unsolicited calls requesting your participa-

tion in a "lottery pool."

- Mail notifying that you have already won a prize.

- Any request which requires you to send money to receive your prize.

- Any caller telling you to keep your winnings a secret.

- If you didn't enter the lottery, you didn't win.

- Legitimate telemarketers will never demand an answer be made immediately.

Remember: If something sounds too good to be true,

it is!

If you feel you have been a victim of telemarketing fraud, contact the Camarillo Police Department at 388-5100, or one of the following agencies:

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DANCE

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include music from the '40s, '50s and '60s, and now being introduced is the music of current artists with popular dance rhythms and songs. Even with the introduction of popular music, essential dance music like the foxtrot, waltz, tango, rumba, cha-cha and samba will still be played. And, there is some line dancing: Do you remember "New York, New York" and "Elvira"? Dance mixers are also a part of the evening's agenda.

The intermission time is used for giveaways. By drawing, you could win a bottle of wine, a lottery ticket or whatever new item may come up in the future.

Finger foods are also served at the break. Punch, ice, coffee and tea are available during the dance hours, which are now from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. But BYOB.

The recorded music dances are 50 cents per person — the same cost since day one. Live music dances are \$4 to \$5 per person, depending on the entertainment costs. It's the best value around, and you won't find a better way to enjoy a Saturday night!

Some regulars, those there every Saturday night, fill a table with their friends for a gala social evening and lots of dancing. And, they are friendly. Show up dressed comfortably for dancing, up or down, as you see fit. That's part of the theme currently being enjoyed! Come by yourself,

you'll meet others. Bring a friend or get a group together and have your own table. Whatever you do, you will enjoy your evening. Dancing, socializing, eating or just listening to the music can be soul food for the senses. You'll love it, everyone does.

Here is the list of Dance Committee members and their duties. They rate a big round of applause:

Planning directors, Bill Byrnes and Barbara Ohmstedt; music coordination, Ted Byle, Conrad Kaiser and Bill Miller; tickets, Betty Herrmann, Shirley Francis, Helen Judd and Marion Tavano; refreshments, Jean Clements, Helen Scraba, Terese Roark and Marge Moran; publicity, Channel 25, Mannie Abbate; lights and switches, Eddie Saeta.



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Music Appreciation

The Music Appreciation Club continues to meet the first and third Fridays of the month at 10 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.

On Dec. 3, Sheldon Ziff will continue his discussion of the history of music, stressing the Renaissance Period.

On Dec. 17, there will be a Christmas Party, with appropriate holiday music of a classical nature. Refreshments will be served. All are invited.

Duplicate Bridge

By Lou Dektor

The 29th annual Duplicate Bridge Tournament was held Nov. 15 in the AR. Refreshments were served and prizes were distributed to the winners and other placing pairs listed below.

The overall winners were Marie Hornsleth and Ralph Hubbard. Second was Lenore Coradi and Jerry Black. Geri Berres and James Wolf were third, while Miriam and Leo Altman placed fourth. Helene and David Halem took fifth place. Congratulations to the winners.

Other placing pairs in the 22-table event: Lucille Livesey and Gail Morrison, Lucille Goldin and Ed Hawthorne, Arnold Wolpin and Reva Shpiner, Arron Weiss and Julian Weiss, Tobie and Paul Treitman, Anne and Joe Silver, Helen Myerson and Alice McKnight, Faith Saunders and Judy Holtzman, Corky Milman and Ron Petersen, Betty Stallman and Katherine Bell, Edie Pedersen and Clara Ballew and Sharon Green and Diana Allen.

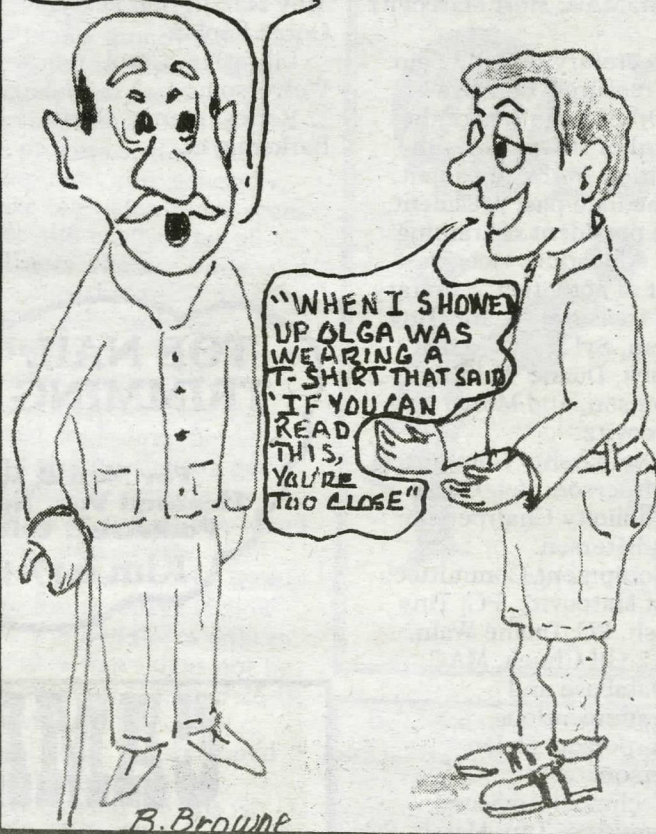
The five duplicate games held weekly in the GR are open to all Villagers and their guests.

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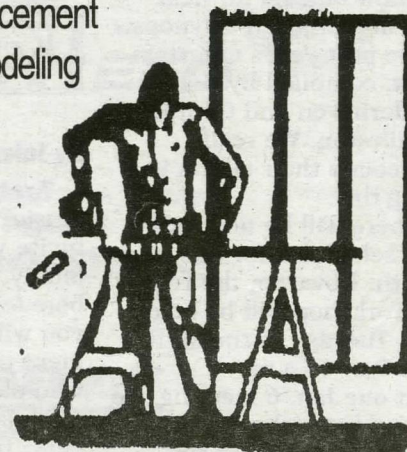
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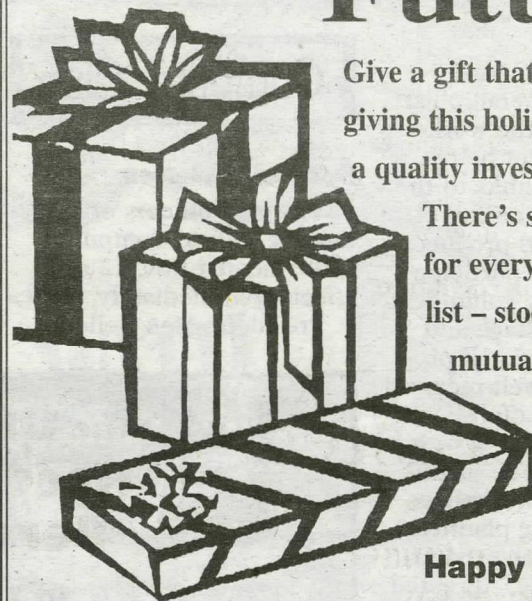
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Women's Club

By JoAnn Burens

On Thursday, Dec. 2, we had our regular monthly meeting, where we installed our new officers for next year and enjoyed a synopsis of the past year's entertainment, compiled by Bob Vanderhaven and George Huddleston. We really appreciate their efforts in doing this.

There will be no Trading Post scheduled for this month. However, the regular Workshop will be held each Tuesday in the MPR from 9 to 11 a.m.

At our Jan. 6 meeting, we will be entertained by the talented children in the Bhalla family. They are 6-, 10-, and 14-year-olds who play fiddles of various kinds. They call their music hoe-downs, jigs, and waltzes. Sounds like fun!

Players Guild

By Ginny Naspo

We have had a great year! The membership list has grown, and the workshop programs get better every month, thanks to the efforts and imagination of the directors and producers, and the talented participation of the many volunteers, singers, actors, stage and technical crews. Each program has been well-received and enjoyed by a full-house audience.

Next year will be just as promising. The workshops are already being planned, and the big spring production "Hello, Dolly," directed by Joan Johnson, will be the highlight of the year. We are very fortunate to have Joan back. Whatever she tackles is for sure a great success! Auditions are over and the cast has been picked and they are now raring to go!

December is here and so are the holidays. Instead of a regular Players Guild

meeting, we will have our traditional Holiday Party on Dec. 16. Tickets are going fast. If you haven't purchased your tickets yet, hurry and do so. Call Barbara Stone at 388-8867. It will be a Gala Affair, dancing to the tunes of the Senior Notes, entertainment by Phil Birdsell, and great food catered by DJ's. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

Happy holidays to all!

Keyboard Club

By Jules Nayfack

Are you one who enjoys music? If you are, then we invite you to bring your family, friends and neighbors to our meetings, where you will enjoy entertainment provided by artists who play selections of classical, jazz, or popular numbers. These are performed on the organ, piano and electronic keyboard. Plus, we have a fine newcomer who performs brilliantly on the saxophone and clarinet. What do you play?

Our next meeting will take place on Friday, Dec. 10, at 1:30 p.m. in the A.R. Please notice the change of date.

Computer Club

By Ronald Petersen

The new officers of the Leisure Village Computer Club, elected Nov. 12 and effective immediately, are: President: Max Heller.

Vice President of Programs: David Harris. Assistants: Bill Robinson, Duane Waln, Gerry Kaplan, Max Heller. Vice President of Training and Education: Gerry Kaplan. Assistants: Bill Robinson, PC; Tiny Marsh, PC; Gil Chuck, MAC; Duane Waln, MAC; Mort Marcovitz, PC.

Secretary: Ann Jovicin. Treasurer: Bob Gross.

Other members of the Board of Directors — in addition to the president, immediate past president, vice president of training and education, vice president of activities, secretary and treasurer — are: Tiny Marsh, Syl Horwald, Gil Chuck, Duane Waln, Bill Robinson, and Mort Marcovitz.

Membership Committee Chairperson: Bob Gross.

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Genealogy User Group Leader: Winifred Singleton.

MAC User Group Leader: Duane Waln.

Advanced User Group Leader: Max Heller.

Digital Photography User Group Leader: Don Treadwell.

"One on One Help" User Group Leader: June Hirsh. Assistants: Duane Waln, Tiny Marsh, Ben Perry, Gerry Kaplan.

Librarian: Carol Wolverson.

Refreshments: Mary Barkemeyer.

Sing-a-long Group

By Jules Nayfack

Newcomers and longtime residents: We welcome all of you to our fun-filled get-togethers, which is growing all the time. You will find this to be the most congenial, friendliest group of people in the Village. You don't have to be a good singer, or sing at all, if you don't want to, but if you like having

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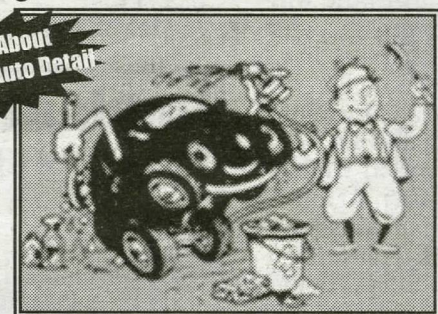
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Our next meetings are Dec. 13 and 27 in the A.R. Hope to see you there!

L.V. Mens Golf Association

By Mannie Abbate

Come to the meetings on the second Tuesday of every month at 2 p.m. in the MPR. Refreshments start at 1:30 p.m., so come in early and mix with the other members and guests.

Curtis Couch's name will be engraved on the LVMGA Club Championship Trophy. He won the playoff with Bill Byrnes. Individual awards will be given to the four lowest scores in each flight at the Annual Luncheon on

June 15, 2005.

The Annual Shotgun Tournament and Luncheon with our Ladies Golf Club at Soule Park that was scheduled for Oct. 28 had to be canceled because of the lack of interest shown by both clubs. This event was greeted with great enthusiasm a few years ago but the enthusiasm has waned. We wonder why?

On Wednesday, Dec. 8, we will play at Westlake and play our last Regulation Tournament in this year at Cam Springs on Thursday, Dec. 30. We have a 7:40 a.m. start time so you will get home early enough to prepare yourself for the New Year's Eve celebrations!

The Holiday Party will be held on Dec. 17 in the A.R. This is a joint party with the Billiard Club and, as a result, we will get a large turnout of members of each /both clubs. Only 150 tickets (\$20 each) will be sold at the first tee on Tuesdays

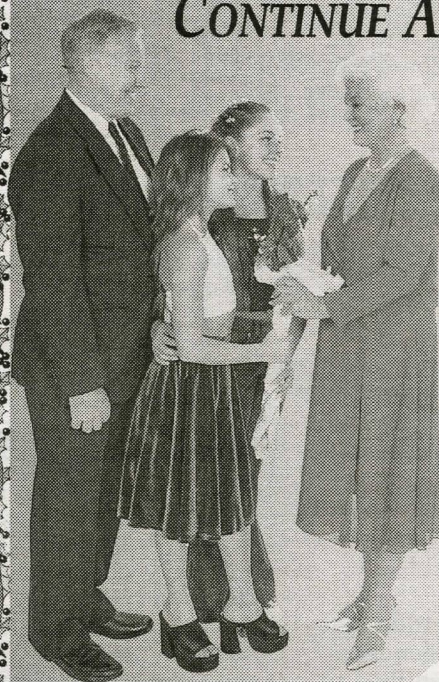
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and Wednesdays and by the Billiard Club until they are sold out. First come first served. This has been a most successful party every year and is expected to be even better this year.

The schedule for next year is still being worked on. There is a glitch in the planning due to a question regarding the price for the Buenaventura and Olivas courses. Ernie Ohmstedt is still trying to work this out. As soon as the schedule is formalized, copies will be made available to all.

We do know that the first game for 2005 will be on Thursday, Jan. 20, at Elkins Ranch. The cost will be \$36, including carts, and the first start will be at 8:30 a.m.

Coincidentally, as this article is being written, the writer has been handed an article in The Star on Nov. 13 about one of our long-time club members. He, as do so many of our fellow golfers, has an interesting past that most of us never hear about until the obituary appears in the newspapers. Fortunately we have the opportunity now, instead of after it is too late, to know about "Most Honorable Son," Ben Kuroki, an American Hero.

Ben, as are most real heroes, is a quiet man. The article by Chuck Thomas, a columnist whose column appears on the Opinion page in The Star, writes about a man who has faced much adversity for his whole life merely because he looks different than most Americans. We will hear more about Ben in the near future when "Most Honorable Son," who flew on 58 bombing missions over Germany and in the Pacific in World War II, is awarded the Army's Distinguished Service Medal.

The LVMGA Board of Directors and the Committee Workers, as well as this columnist, wish all of you and your families a merry holiday season and a happy and healthy new year.

Solo Club

By Cleo Cooney

Our annual Holiday Party will be held in the A.R. on Friday, Dec. 10. There will be a champagne happy hour at 5:30 and a catered dinner at 6 p.m. We will have a sing-along and a gift exchange. Bring a wrapped gift if you want to take part in the exchange. The price is \$16, and checks should reach Marion Jayne at 13218 Village 13 by Dec. 8.

There will be no business meeting in December.

L.V. New York Club

By Bob Sklarz

The November meeting was marked by a generous donation of canned food to Food Share for their Thanksgiving program. A check for \$100 was given to Food Share volunteer Bob Mucica, who expressed his thanks to the club for reaching out to the community.

Professor William Buskey spoke on humor in the workplace. His entertaining and informative talk was well received. There was a free drawing for a pair of tickets to the Tony Martin Show at the Thousand Oaks

Civic Arts Center. This was for members only, and it was won by Mickey Fenger. Refreshments were served before the meeting ended.

The December meeting will be the Pizza Party. Rush Robinson will entertain.

L.V. Womens Golf Association

By Roberta Dearmore

This is the close of 2004 for our reporting of our golf news. Due to the rain, we will not be able to report the President's Cup Tournament winners until January.

We would like to thank ILV for not censoring our articles and allowing us the necessary space in which to report our tournaments.

We wish all of our Villagers a safe, healthy and happy holiday season!

International Folk Dancing

By Raye Gabriel

International Folk Dancing classes are Mondays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the A.R.

Val Daly is still helping Virginia, and we are lucky! She is so delightful. We are learning new dances and reviewing old ones.

Join us for the joyful satisfaction of dancing to eth-

nic music and having fun in the physical activity.

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Square Dance

By Raye Gabriel

We square dance Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. in the A.R. Bill Kramer, known up and down the coast, is our fun caller.

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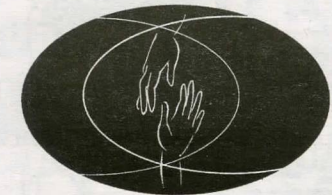
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Saturday Night Dance

By Bill Byrnes

The Saturday Night Dance Party always meets at 7:30 p.m., and the music

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ends at 10:30 p.m. Admission fee for our dances is 50 cents for tape/CD, and \$4 or \$5 for live music, depending on the size of the band.

In December, we will present the Bakers "Music by Choice" on Dec. 4, a tape/CD dance on Dec. 11, and introduce a new group, "Caravan," on Dec. 18. This group played for the October Womens Club meeting and was very well received, so we thought we would try them out for a Saturday Night Dance Party. This dance on Dec. 18 is our final one for 2004, and we consider it our holiday dance.

Our next Saturday Night Dance Party is scheduled for Jan. 8.

The SNDP Committee has begun suggesting that if attendees wish, they should bring light foodstuffs to share with other dancers. The response has been very gratifying, with many people contributing over and over. We appreciate the support of our efforts to make the A.R. "the" place to be on Saturday nights. So come on out with a friend or come and make many.

The SNDP Committee wishes all a happy holiday season and prosperous new year.

L.V. Bowling League

By Barbara Humphrey

Leisure Village Bowlers just finished our first tournament of the season. After four weeks of competition, the winners are:

Group A: Les Galvin. Group B: Irv Cohen. Group C: Marie Carbone. Group D: Helen Hartman. Group E: Joan Johnson.

Congratulations to everyone, and a special thanks to Joe Kremer for organizing the tournament.

Our 200-plus bowlers this month have been: Les Galvin, Jerry Knopf, Leonard Belcher, Bob Friedman, Harold Brodsky, Lloyd Snider, Stan Feldman and Sue Davanzo.

Winners of the side pots this past month have been: Sue Davanzo, Ginny Cordell, Marie Carbone, Terri Lambert, Joyce Belcher, Josie Amico, Shirley Heller, and Clarice Shapiro, for the women. For the men, the winners were Bill Fox, Irv Cohen, Norm Scanlon, Mickey Newman, Lloyd Snider and Bob Friedman.

We bowl every Friday at 10 a.m. and always need subs. Anyone interested please call Bo Humphrey at 987-7017 or Joe Kremer at 388-7090.

Beginning Bridge

By Raye Gabriel

Rank Beginning Bridge starts Fridays at 1:30 p.m. and goes to 3:30 p.m. in the GR. We will learn point values and when and how to open the bidding, when to overcall and when and how to respond to partner.

You are welcome to join us for reviewing. Stimulating the brain helps us in our daily lives. We need it!

Call 383-0130 for more information.

Concerned Homeowners

By Ed Olson

The monthly meeting of the Leisure Village Concerned Homeowners Club was held on Thursday, Nov. 11, at 6 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. This was a combination Pizza Party and business meeting with more than 50 members and guests attending.

The speaker was Dennis J. Jurcak, volunteer senior health insurance counselor, who explained the latest information about Medigap Plans as they impact the Medicare Reform Act of 2003. Importantly, clarification of the latest changes for 2005 were presented. The program was sponsored by the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging. Many questions were asked and answered.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, Dec. 9, in the Sun Room at 7:30 p.m. A panel of former members of the Board of Directors will discuss the responsibilities and duties of Board Members. A question and answer period will follow.

All are invited. Refreshments will be

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Single Active Seniors

By Zelda Greentree

Let's make the last month of 2004 a month of celebrations! We'll start on Dec. 7 with News & Views. Bring some really good news to the meeting!

Then, on Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the MPR, SAS will hold its annual holiday gift exchange and shared luck party. That's a translation for potluck! All members in good standing are invited. Admission is either your favorite recipe for an appetizer, hors d'oeuvre or dessert; or fruit or veggie crudite, relishes, nuts and candy or perhaps wine. Reservations are required. Please call Sharon at 389-6834.

For the gift exchange game, please bring a wrapped gift of up to \$10 in value. Please make your reservation by Dec. 10.

Also at the party, we will hold our annual election. We are very happy to have three new volunteers for the board. That alone is reason for celebration! Additional nominations will be taken from the floor. The new members are Naomi Brill, Jerry Kelleher and Irene Olson.

The December movie on Dec. 21 will be "The Terminal" with Tom Hanks. Dec. 28 is card and game night in the Annex.

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

RV Club

By Charlie Hartman

The holiday party, held on Dec. 1 at the Bard Mansion in Port Hueneme, was another wonderful event enjoyed by members of the RV Club. Besides the enjoyment of good food and

good friends, dozens of holiday gifts were wrapped and sent off for the children at the Oxnard Rescue Mission.

The November RV Club dinner, organized by Bette and Roger Williams, was held at the Sportsman restaurant in Camarillo and again all had a good time.

The first meeting of the new year is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 18. Please plan to attend and help plan the events for the year 2005.

Billiard Club

By Milan Weiss

The Billiard Club rolls into December looking forward to the Annual Holiday Dinner Dance held in conjunction with the LV Mens Golf Association in the AR on Friday, Dec. 17. It will be well attended as per the advance ticket sales.

As the end of the year approaches, the annual dues for continuing club membership is due. The annual dues are \$7 and can be paid by giving a check to any club officer or by putting your check in the wall box in the club room. Support your club, pay by year's end, and you will be assured your name will be in the club handbook.

There seems to be a

renewed interest in the game of Snooker. This will be brought up at club meetings and probably will lead to more information, and perhaps, lessons on playing the game. Don't go away, you may be the next snooker champ!

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Billiard Club is on Tuesday, Dec. 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the MPR. Be there, it's the last meeting of the year and a great way to spend your time and good holiday cheer with your friends in the club. Coffee, wine, cookies and cake will be served, as usual. We'd love to see you there!

L.V. Exercise Group

By Milt Mankoff

Members of the Leisure Village Exercise Group will, once again, bring holiday cheer to the residents of the Camarillo Convalescent Center. Under the direction of President Shiphrah Maller, small gifts and tasty desserts will feature the annual visit to celebrate the Hannukah and Christmas season. Small gift bags containing personal items and toiletries are made by members and distributed each year at this time. Exercise Group members have made this holiday "Sunshine

Visit" for a number of years. Leisure Village residents are welcome to come along. Contact Shiphrah for details and how you can help.

These brisk autumn mornings are perfect for this exercise program. Many new residents are finding their way to the Pool Pavilion to meet new friends and start the day right. Exercises are held every Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 9 a.m. Membership dues are only \$3 annually. Regular participation in the Leisure Village Exercise Group program

can be helpful in many ways.

Camera Club

By Jerry Cohen

The November competition featured Trees and Flowers as the Assigned category. The first place honors were taken by Marlene Votion, followed by Bill Robinson in second place and Jerry Spector earning

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third place. Honorable Mentions were by Gerry Kaplan and Judy Spector.

In the Open Division, congratulations go to new member Jack Caldwell for winning first place. Don Treadwell took second place, followed by Duane Waln in third place. The Honorable Mentions were by Vic Fledge and Jerry Cohen.

In the Modified Digital category, the winner was Jerry Spector, with Bill Robinson earning second place and Gerry Kaplan taking third place.

Doing his usual fine job as judge was Bill Ward.

Year-end honors and picture of the year will be featured at the annual awards banquet for members on Dec. 8.

Visitors are always welcome on competition nights the first Wednesday of each month and program nights on the third Wednesday of each month. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. in the MPR and refreshments follow. Join us!

Country Line Dance

By Ida Kubica

Country Line Dance Workshop meets on Tuesdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the AR. Warm-up time is at 2:45 p.m. with Betty Dean. Join in if you are new to the line dance concept or just want more practice and help with the steps.

Our dancers will again participate in the Annual Tree Trim Party by dancing as entertainment on Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. in the A.R. It's all for fun and the holiday spirit, so don't miss it. The usual Cookie Bake will also prevail, with help from anyone interested.

Our annual Holiday Party is slated for Dec. 21 at the usual 3 p.m. time. First Vice President Andrea Moran has sign-up sheets for members indicating what dish they will be donating for the event. Bring your spouse or a best friend as your guest. Don't miss this fabulous

feast event.

The year is coming to a close and the dues, \$2, are being collected for the year 2005.

Join us if you are a new resident by visiting our class to see what we are all about. Keep coming regularly for good health and to plant the dance steps in your brain. Practice makes perfect!

For information, call Rhoda at 484-8132.

Village Painters

By Aurelie Zachary

The November Art Show was a great success in that all the arts and crafts clubs participated. There were numerous A-frames of paintings in various media. The photographs by the members of the Camera Club were fantastic. The items made by the Woodworkers were spectacular. The lapidary shop showed some fine jewelry pieces. The ceramic mold decorators displayed fabulous glazed objects. And the Ceramics Plus Club showed outstanding hand-shaped works of art, including sculptures.

All who visited our show in the A.R. were impressed!

Paintings in the Library for the months of December and January are by the

members who attend the art workshop Monday afternoons.

Bocce Ball

By Fran Cohen

On Friday, Jan. 28, we will be having our Installation of Officers for 2005 plus our Dinner. Save that date!

There was an error in our list of new officers in last month's issue. The President for 2005 will be Sy Blau.

Reminder: We play bocce on Mondays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. The bocce courts are between the picnic area and the tennis courts. We always have people there ready to teach you to play. Come join us.

Writers Club

By Jack Burger

We're talking self-help, and you don't even have to buy a book. In fact, there are no fees or dues of any kind. While we hear all types of writing — i.e., fiction, non-fiction, script, poetry, music, etc. — most of us write our life stories. You know, the "I was born at a very early age" type of prose.

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tion to share your writings, even though it is a good part of the therapeutic value. Several attend just to hear our offerings — especially those of us with macular degeneration.

We meet at the annex Village Room, next door to

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Looking forward to seeing you then. For further information, call Jack Burger at 987-9600.

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Racquet Club

By Anne Wolfson

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

On Dec. 8, we will have our annual "Wine and Cheese" party, and all members are invited. We will start at 7 p.m. instead of the usual 7:30 p.m. so we can have our business meeting first. Hope to see you all there.

Woodshop

By Martin Alfred

Our highly skilled members were busy as usual repairing a variety of wooden items for LV residents. Need a fix? Come see them on Wednesday mornings.

They completed making many useful household items for the Womens Club Bazaar, which contributes to many local charities. They also produced many articles for the LV Artisans Bazaar, such as model trucks, cars, games, bowls, a menorah and other art objects. They really showed off their expert abilities!

For information, call Sid at 482-5341.

L.V. Chorale

By Elise Perlmutter

We are looking for men and women who enjoy singing a variety of songs. Auditions are not necessary.

We are under the direction of Marcine Jardine and accompaniment by Dorothy Weiss. Please join us every Monday in the MPR from 12:30 to 2:30. It's a wonderful way to spend a couple of hours.

For more information, call 484-2492.

Veterans Club

By Martin Alfred

The Veterans Club was dark in November due to Thanksgiving Day and will be dark in December because the fourth Thursday is on Christmas Day. So, have a great holiday and we wish you a healthy, happy new year!

With the help of several of our members, we've lined up some outstanding programs for the first three months of 2005. Watch for details in the January ILV issue and Channel 25.

In the meantime, be well and have fun!

For more information, call Marty at 389-1610.

Weight Control

By Connie Santangelo

Now is the time to think about losing those extra pounds. Our Weight Control Club is here to help you achieve that goal. We have many awards and incentives to help you.

We meet every Tuesday in the Garden Room. Weigh-in is from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., then we start our meeting with some exercises — nothing strenuous — roll call, etc.

Our admission fee is \$3,

and our dues are \$1 per month. See you Tuesday mornings! You supply the motivation, and we will supply the awards.

For more information, call Connie Santangelo at 484-7463 or Doris La Prell at 987-6393.

Farmers Club

By Marjorie Deniston

If you are not now a member of this club, but would like to know more about what goes on "behind the garden wall," please talk with our president, Kenney Nelson, at 384-9255. We meet as a club just four times a year, with a yearly dues of just \$5 each member. A membership gives you not only your own patch of ground, but also great tips on gardening, the therapy and exercise of digging, planting, and harvesting your own vegetables, and the camaraderie of friends interested in the joys of gardening.

If you gardeners are in the midst of preparing to plant your winter garden, you might want to check with President Kenney Nelson. He has a list of preferred vegetable seeds and plants. If members have any garden hints they would like to share with other members, please either call

President Kenney Nelson at 384-9255 or e-mail him at kenney.nelson2@verizon.net. Also, please check the garden carefully before you leave to be sure that a fellow gardener will not be locked in.

Happy gardening!

LV Travel

By Eugene Foxman

There still is time to sign up for the trip to the Reagan Library, which

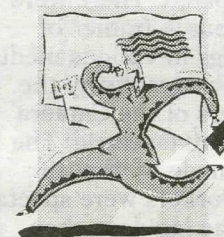
includes lunch and a docent-led tour. Also not to be missed are gambling trips to Laughlin Flamingo and Sunset Station in Henderson, as well as lunch and a show at the beautiful Castaways Restaurant.

The New Year's Eve "Night in Vienna" is a great way to meet 2005.

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.

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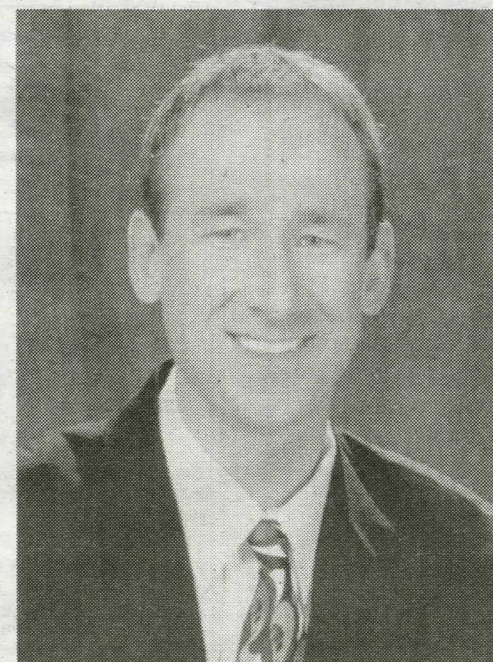
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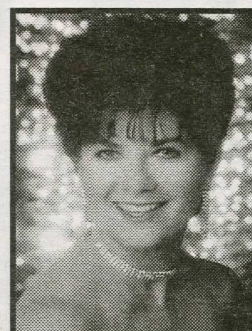
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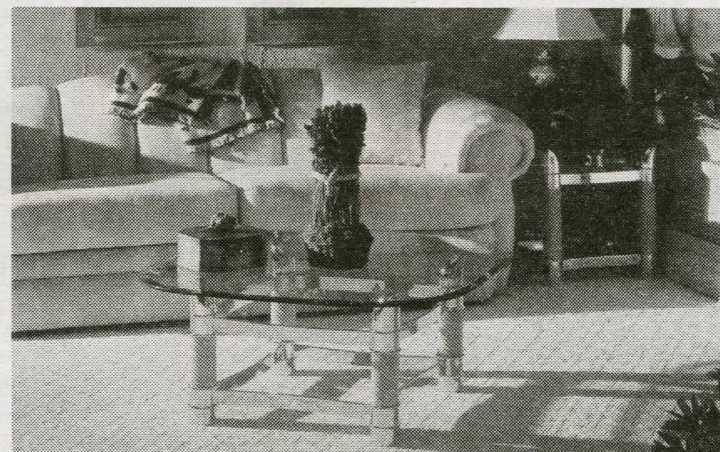
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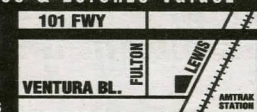
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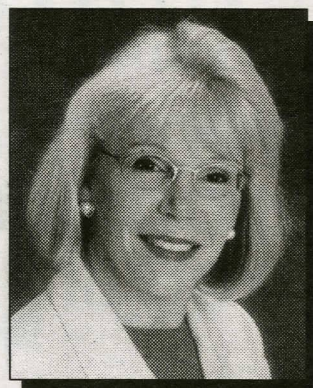
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