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Leisure Village Chorale

By Sally Yale

Tickets for the "Holiday in Concert", by the LV Chorale are now available. Performance will be Friday, December 13, at 1:30 p.m. in the AR.

Holiday songs will be sung by a larger than usual Chorale. They will present solos, duets and small groups as well as the Chorale singing many great holiday songs.

Tickets to this enjoyable performance will be sold in the Rec Center lobby on Mondays and Fridays from 9:00-12:00 and Wednesdays from 1:00-4:00. The donation is \$3.50.

Dorothy Weiss is the accompanist and Marcine Jardine the director. See you at the show!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



TO LEISURE VILLAGE

Thanksgiving Dinner At Leisure Village: Both A Personal And Community Style

This year's Thanksgiving dinner will be unique in that the arrangement of the seating, time reservations, and serving will be personal, yet part of the larger community of Leisure Village.

The dinner has been set for tables of ten, and seated with one's own family and friends, each group will carve its own turkey. Singles and couples are welcome and will become either their own family (as they are) seated with other singles or couples, or they may join another family that is smaller than ten.

Reservations are accepted (by the Rec. Office) for seating anytime between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. In addition to the tra-

ditional holiday menu, families can feel free to bring any tasties and drinks from home.

But think twice about that.

Pool To Be Closed Two Weeks

The L.V. swimming pool will be drained and repaired starting December 2 until the 16th. The pool will be hyperchlorinated for black algae treatment, and a bond beam will be repaired.

Arrangements for villagers to swim at the Camarillo Municipal pool (near the Boys and Girls club) are being discussed, but not yet finalized. Call Channel 12 for details.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

By Gene Hawkins, Coordinator

The Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held Wednesday, November 27, 1996, at 7:30 p.m. in the AR.

Continuing the custom of rotation of sponsorship, the service this year is being hosted by the Catholic faith. Father Liam Kidney, pastor Padre Serra parish, will give the Thanksgiving sermon.

All villagers and guests are welcome.

New Committee Formed For Plumbing Checks

By Ben Perry

The LVA Board of Directors has established a Plumbing Maintenance Committee. One of its chief duties will be to periodically check all Village houses for water pressure regulator problems. The Village is experiencing many water damage claims due to broken pipes and hoses. The water pressure regulator can be a major contributor to these failures.

The PMC plans to inspect all pressure regulators twice a year. Inspections have already started. Homeowners will be advised when their regulator is defective and they will be asked to call a plumber to correct the problem at their own expense.

Written notices will be sent to homeowners to request that the repair be completed within a reason-

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Photo by Al Simons

Dorothy Weiss pianist and conductor Marcine Jardine

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• OPINION •

How Thou Dost Protest!

The open meeting of the L.V. Board of Directors is no place to debate the private matter of a misunderstanding between a few villagers and ILV. Material for the October editorial was suggested largely by the words of James Lingl, LVA Attorney, at the October open Board meeting. There can be little argument about the correctness of the original statement.

Opposition to the editorial's premise of whether or not the Women's Club should pay sales tax on revenue from bazaar and trading post sales, seems to be the thorn in the editorial.

ILV has profound respect for Women's Club, its officers, and its common goals. But Women's Club, abiding in the State of California, is bound by California's laws, like it or not.

Consensus

Sometimes Inside Leisure Village gets comments about "unsigned editorials."

Are the editorials in the *Ventura County Star* signed? No.

Are the editorials in the *Los Angeles Times* signed? No.

Are the editorials in *Inside Leisure Village* signed? No.

Page 2 of each issue of Inside Leisure Village contains the editorial and the staff box, giving specific names of the coordinators. Each editorial is not the work of just one coordinator. It has been worked on by all the coordinators; each one has input. The editorial is a consensus of the opinions of all coordinators and each one supports the opinions expressed.

Remember compromise? That's when separate individuals cooperate to give and take a little to reach consensus, which all of them can support. It works for *Inside Leisure Village*.

Perhaps compromise and consensus will be contagious and spread to other situations in the Village. We can hope!

Early Deadline
Inside Leisure Village Monday,
December 2 by 5:00 p.m.

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Letters

ILV has obligated itself to publish letters to the editors that are not profane or libelous. Views or statements expressed are the beliefs of the writer and are not necessarily supported by the staff of ILV. Letters must include signature, address, and telephone number. Please limit letters to 250 words. We reserve the right to edit and/or condense. Place in ILV box or give to Coordinator of the month, as listed on page 2.

For Those Who Do Not Learn

In April of 1995 the ILV editorial staff, expressed its views on an important Leisure Village issue in the *Opinion* column of ILV. As a result, the editors were chastised publicly and charged with "irresponsible journalism."

The October 1996 *Opinion* column of ILV covered another troublesome issue, and once again the editorial staff has been subjected to bitter and venomous criticism.

The following is a partial reprint of the observations by a villager which appeared as a letter in the May 1995 issue of ILV:

"Opinion: Webster defines a newspaper as 'a publication which conveys news and advocates opinions' and an editorial as 'an article in a newspaper, magazine or the like expressing an opinion by an editor on some issue.' Therefore, a distinction should be made between a 'news item' which is a factual report of an event or set of circumstances, and an 'editorial opinion'!....."

"The editors of a publication have, by definition, the right to express opinions. The readers have the

same privilege if their views differ....."

Selma Lich, V.42
Editor's note: Reactions of residents to the ILV editorial of October was five to one in favor of the editorial.

How sad that the Open Board meeting of November 4 was marred by emotional outbursts, dissension and factually unsupported accusations that serve to divide our community rather than enlist support for our Board in its functions.

Hopefully as seniors we have gained sufficient maturity and community concern to forego such unwarranted behavior.

Florence Gillman, V.42

Although the "ad" "Attention Camarillo Seniors" (October 25, 1996) upsets me on several levels, the one point that I would like clarified: Are unsigned items permissible for print in Inside Leisure Village, and does a mere phone number qualify as avoidance of anonymity?

Camilla Perlis, V.31

Editors Note: The answer is "no" and "no". We are establishing advertising guidelines for ILV and the "Star" has been most cooperative.

We would like to thank all of our friends who sent tribute cards and phone calls following the sudden passing of Irv's brother Jack.

Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

Lee & Irv Otchis, V.33

To my wonderful friends and neighbors, my humblest thanks for your prayers, cards, flowers and gifts bestowed upon me during my recent surgery.

All of your good wishes helped towards my recovery. Thank you so very much.

Violet Coshever, V.22

We want to thank our many Leisure Village friends and neighbors who were so helpful to us during Walt's long battle with a severe case of shingles.

The support of so many was wonderfully encouraging and he is improving daily.

Nancy & Walt Whitaker, V.6

A sincere thank you to the many people and organizations for sending me their best wishes for good health after my recent hospitalization.

I am slowly recovering. Jack joins me in thanking you as well.

May Meyers, V.17

Gene and I wish to express our gratitude and our love to the many wonderful friends in Leisure Village for the cards, calls, home-made goodies, transportation to U.C.L.A. and the many other kindnesses that have been extended to us.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Gene is slowly recovering from his recent surgery.

Gene & Lucille Markley, V.14

To all my Leisure Village friends, a big thank you for your loving support and kindnesses during this last year. I do not know what I would have done without your love. God bless all of you.

Ginny (Cordell) Mettler, V.25

The family of Russell Sievert wish to express their appreciation for the concern and well-wishing that so many of his wonderful friends have conveyed through their thoughtful cards and calls during his long illness.

His health problem struck him suddenly on August 24 and abdominally

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ABOUT NEXT MONTH

Coordinator for the next month will be Betty Murray. Please follow guidelines and be as brief as you can. Deadline for the December 20 issue will be Monday, December 2, 1996 at 5:00 p.m. To arrange for a photographer, call coordinator at least 3 days in advance. Do not call photographer.

LETTERS.....from pg 2 surgery was necessary. Then, due to complications a second surgery was required. Next, he unfortunately contracted an infection, in the hospital, which is immune to any known antibiotics. He has been in isolation for many weeks now as he battles against this infection which had turned into pneumonia.

The good news is, Russell's very special resilient spirit and his sheer "will to live" has carried him through all these complications. We are beginning to see improvement slowly, but surely. He continues to be in isolation as his immune system regains its strength. He is unable to see anyone except immediate family, at this time.

Russell, my father, asked me to express to his thoughtful and loyal village friends how he values your good wishes and your prayers.

Your loyal support warms his heart and gives

him strength. Thank you.
Nanette Faint (daughter)
and Dorothy Ann Sievert,
V.17

I could not help but get better after receiving all the support and love from you all in Leisure Village who were rooting for me during my hospitalization and recovery. Thank you all for the prayers, messages, good wishes, assistance and support. I will always be grateful and will never forget your kindnesses.

Emma Norwig, V.28

A sincere thanks to all of Betty's friends from both myself and our daughter for their cards, letters, and calls after Betty's sudden death. A special thanks to her fellow workers of the Women's Club for their remembering her by wearing white carnations during their sale of October 12. This was not only unique but was greatly appreciated.

Harold Keeler, V.37

I was disappointed to see your acceptance of the paid advertisement on page 23 of Inside Leisure Village.

My objections:

1) The anonymity (only an 800 number)

2) The implied object of these seminars, to skirt the law.

3) What do "Bill and Hillary" have to do with it? The correct heading, if it belonged in the ad at all, would be President and Mrs. Clinton."

4) The paragraph that states that we've paid taxes and now, we'll get them back if we subscribe to their seminar.

If the above makes me sound like a "goody-two shoes" that's not my object at all. There is just too much of "let George do it" in the world today.

Mildred G. Sahl, V.7

The outpouring of love and sympathy from our L. V. friends has helped ease

the pain Herb and I feel as my daughter, Elizabeth, lost her courageous fight with cancer. Thank you all for caring.

Jane Warneke, V.40

We wish to extend a very heartfelt thank you to all our wonderful Leisure Village friends for your concern and support during Audrey's illness and now after her passing. We will always remember your caring and your love.

Roy Zhe and family,
V.29

Hanukkah Holiday

Hanukkah starts early this year. The first day of Hanukkah will begin on the evening of December 5, when the first of the eight candles will be lighted to commemorate the Maccabee's purification of the recaptured temple in Jerusalem from the Syrian-Greeks.

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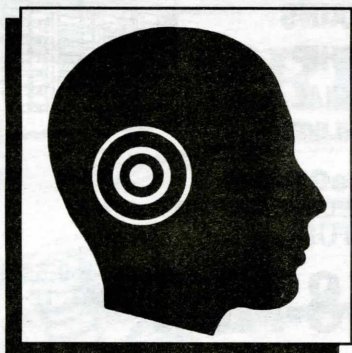
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Organized Anger

By Oleg Lopatin, V.17

Organized anger is approaching epidemic proportions in our country. Unfortunately Leisure Village is not immune to this virus.

Anger is an individual trait. Organized anger is a team effort. The virus is not difficult to diagnose. It wears a mask of righteous indignation and is an infectious disease. The virus feeds off scurrilous rumors, attacks certain community activities and discredits selected individuals. Based on false premises, appeals are often made to the community's economic concerns.

Organized anger's weapon is the rumor, a swift mode of communication and appealing to the gossip in all of us. However, to be effective, the rumor must be outrageous. Vapid rumors are not well spread but insidious rumors having a personality all their own, and indicate a common and traceable source.

Organized opposition is not the same as organized anger. It does not depend on veiled activities borrowed from Washington politics. Open opposition is between opponents, not enemies and may well be a beneficial challenge to the community. In organized anger, the anger comes first. The publicized cause is, then, a clever camouflage.

The ancient scriptures from the Christian Bible, the Hebrew Talmud, the Islamic Koran, the Buddhist Vedas, the Persian Zoroastrians and the teachings of Confucius all condemn anger as a primary evil.

Organized anger divides the community, separates friends and destroys whatever benefits the residents may enjoy from an administration devoted to a healthy debate on basic issues.

This article is not a sermon. The scriptural references merely illustrate that from time immemorial the governing wisdom drew a sharp line between organized anger and productive community activity.

Leisure Village residents are here for the common good and purpose of enjoying their well earned final years. The outward serenity of the Village attests to this worthy cooperation. Organized anger is an alien force in L.V. and must be resisted with the same vigor and beneficial judgment that has fashioned the Village to date.

Rx: To Your Health. Shaping up:

Walking Helps The Mind

Working out can improve reaction time and sharpen thinking. A new study suggests that regular exercise can boost an older person's mental agility in just a few months.

Researchers at Appalachian State University in North Carolina recruited 30 healthy but sedentary men and women aged 65 to 72 and measured their physi-

cal fitness and mental abilities, including memory, awareness of time and place, and problem-solving and analytical skills. For the next 16 weeks, the participants went to the university five days a week for 40 minute sessions. Ten of the volunteers performed strenuous weight-training exercise, and 10 took up walking at a moderate pace sufficient to keep them at 60 to 65 percent of their maximum heart rate. (That rate equals 220 minus your age) The remaining 10 people served as the control group, meeting just for light stretching exercises to make sure that all groups had the same amount of social contact.

By the end of the study,

the weight-training and stretching groups showed no change in cognitive ability. But the walkers had improved. Mental tests revealed that they organized their thoughts and responded to complex questions more quickly than before they took up walking. They could also breathe more deeply and use oxygen more efficiently, which, the researchers speculated, might have played a role in their improved mental fitness.

Journal of Aging and Physical Activity, 4/95

Why Weight Loss Loses Speed

Weight-loss regimens often bring dramatic initial results—followed by a

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Parkinsons Support Group

By Harry Kaplan

The Parkinson's Support Group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Village Room. An exercise tape is shown followed by the regular meeting at 10:00 a.m.

This is a place where patients can learn more about the disease, the latest research and the development of trials which various doctors are doing to test new drugs, etc.

At the November 13 meeting Arlene Reynolds of the Coast Care Givers Resource Center spoke on "Stress Management for Care Givers".

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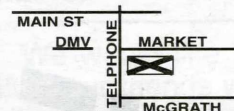
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Annual Art Show Displays Villagers' Talent



Villagers were impressed by varied and imaginative examples of several types of art work.

Photos by Al Simons

By Georgia Schneider

The annual Art Show on November 3 was terrific! It was the best to date. The participants included the Village Painters, Camera

Club, Ceramics Plus Club, Gem and Mineral Club, Sawdusters Club and the Doll Club. Music was played by members of the Keyboard Club.

The December 4 meeting will be the annual holiday party for members, as well as the election of officers and board.

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In Appreciation To Will Schreiber -

By Herman Waltzer

Life in LV is greatly enhanced by the work of many volunteers. Their efforts should be acknowledged.

It takes dedication to implement the mailing each month of more than 2,000 copies of the Village Voice to residents. Will Schreiber of V. 20 has played an active role in the mailing process from the inception of the official publication until the present, a period of more than 15 years. Except for one occasion when he was hospitalized, Will has never missed a single monthly mailing. His part in the process, a tedious and time consuming job, includes folding, application of address labels and stapling.

Will and his spouse of 62 years, Bernice, are eighteen year Village residents. In his pre-village life, Will was a public accountant with a CPA firm.

In addition to his Village Voice activity, Will is treasurer of the Shuffleboard Club. He has in the past also been involved in Bocce and Paddle Tennis.

The Schreibers are parents of two sons, one a university professor, and the other a FBI Special Agent. They have two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



By Doris Kadish

The Leisure Village Women's Club will hold its monthly meeting, Thursday, December 5 at 1:30 in the AR. The Goldenaires will entertain. Their lead singer, Ginny Naspo, lives in the Village and everyone will enjoy this group.

Don't forget your friends at Christmas. See's Candy certificates will be on sale



PLAYERS GUILD

By Irv Goodnick

Let's hear it for that sterling performance by those first-time actors in last month's Players Guild Workshop! It's like diving into a cold pool. Once you're in, it can be lots of fun. It was good seeing all

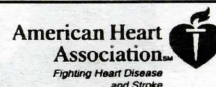
those new faces on stage. More members should be participating in our monthly workshop programs.

'Tis the season to be jolly. Come to the Holiday Dessert Party in the AR on December 19. What a night it is going to be! After partaking of all the goodies, including delicious cake, cookies, ice cream sundaes, see the Show of Shows, "Highlights of Players Guild Broadway Musicals" including Gigi, Fiddler on the Roof, My Fair Lady, etc. Many of original cast members will perform, plus a surprise guest appearance. This is for paid up members only. Don't miss it!

The Club will also collect food this holiday season for Food Share. Please bring food to the December meeting or call Pat Holly at 987-1782, if you need to arrange for a "pick-up".

Also on Thursday, December 5, the Trading Post will be open from 10:00 a.m. as a "mini" bazaar featuring holiday items for those who missed the bazaar of October.

A unique program will follow the January 16 meeting. Jack Silver will do a one-man show, "Clarence Darrow". This tour de force will be directed by Mary Hollander who is well remembered for her contribution to "A Talent For Murder" last year. All villagers are invited to become involved with Players Guild programs. Just call Miriam Hasen, Program Director, at 482- 3198.



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THANK YOU!!!

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A Pique at Seniors: The Way We Are

By Barbara Simons

I've learned a lot, perhaps more than I really wanted to know, about aging and geriatrics. I learned it at my mother's side, which is the best place to indelibly learn important lessons.

When my mother died last June, at 99 years and 7 months, she had been, in effect, my role model of the aging process. Because she had lived in my house for the last 22 years, my view was up close and personal.

I was one of the "sandwich" generation. We are those who have been pressed between our own children growing up and still living at home and the long lives of our parents, who are also living with us.

We've heard all the stereotypical descriptions of old age...even (as they say now-a-days) of "young-old age, middle-old age and old-old age".

It has been my observation that "seniorhood" does not confer peace, wisdom and serenity upon anyone, by virtue of the many birthdays accumulated. Unless you had achieved peace, wisdom and serenity before age 65, it does not arrive with your Medicare card.

If you were the kind that

grew-up learning very little from your experiences, having more experience will not make you a better learner, except of the minor basics of living. If you were remembered as a "difficult" child then, you're probably even more "difficult" now. Whatever we were to start with, we still are, in a more distilled form.

Like any age and stage in this life, seniors, too, have to learn, adapt and adjust. If you were never, or rarely, sick in your life before you turned into a senior, well, then I have news for you...you're going to have to learn to adjust and adapt to all kinds of physical set-backs, conditions and illnesses.

If it was hard for you to take the bitter with the better when you were younger, then you will complain and moan throughout your senior stage because old age is likely to be more bitter than better for you. It is no wonder that the greatest number of depressed folk are seniors (the second largest group are teenagers)!

And so it turns out that this is the stage of life when positive thinking and increased awareness can be truly beneficial for senior's lives, but instead we find seniors who still cling to self

delusional ideas of who they are and their place in the world.

Yes, dear seniors, time has moved on and coffee is no longer five cents and the State of California has gotten meaner since Proposition 13 was passed.

Now the state demands that everybody conform to the law. Although there are those who think they can live above the law in some lofty delusional palace, they are quite wrong headed. Just because they have assured each other that this is

a personal vendetta against them by one or more of our Board members, and perhaps ILV as well, doesn't make it so.

ILV's October editorial was meant to be a soothing over of indignant egos. But some huffed and puffed, and remained indignant. Some wrote themselves delusional scripts

and stepped up to the microphone to slay the dreaded dragon of their delusions: authority in the form of the Board, and for good measure, the staff and editors of ILV.

Alas, I fear that Goethe was right when he said, "Nothing is more terrifying than ignorance in action."

*See "Letters" for re-printed letter of 5/95.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 2

"To The Retiree Who Wants To Protect Your Money, Income And Assets From Being Wiped Out!"

Retirees who have not set up proper strategies can have all of their net worth wiped out when someone in the family goes into a nursing home. The government can literally take your CD's, Social Security, pension checks, investments, IRA's...you name it.

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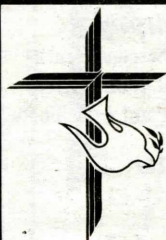
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David Atrops, Pastor 482-3313



By Jack Whalen

The LV Board meeting of Monday December 2 will appear on Channel 12, and a tape of the program will be shown on Saturday, December 7 at 10:00 a.m.

Programs will be taped during the month to be played at later dates, but except for the "pages" which will continue to run 24 hours a day, Channel 12 will close down for the remainder of December in order to provide time off for the many volunteers who do such outstanding work. It takes many hours to plan the programs, to do the camera work, to edit, title and schedule, and to put on the programs. If you are willing to devote time each month to assist Channel 12, please call 388-1243 and leave a message.

Good programming is promised for 1997. Your help will be appreciated. Happy holidays to all from Channel 12.

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By Doris Achterkirchen

The Garden Club will meet on its regular day, Thursday, December 12, at The Holiday Inn, 495 N. Ventu Park Road in Newbury Park for a gala brunch. There will be Bridge awards for the past



By Ray Andres

The November 15 meeting of the Keyboard Club was enjoyed by all attending. At the December 20 meeting we have a guest group that will delight everyone.

We are glad to announce that the Keyboard Club will sponsor a concert on Friday evening January 17, once again bringing the "Young Fiddlers," that we all have enjoyed over the years. Of course some of the younger ones are new. Watch Channel 12 for further information on tickets.

year's marathon and installation of officers for the coming year. Tickets are \$12 and may be purchased from Ruth Smith at 482-3644.

The new officers are Doris Achterkirchen, pres.; Bernice Knebel and Aileen Chuck, Rea Williams, 1st v. p. Elise Eymann and Phyllis Pattison, 2nd v.p.; Madelyn McKean, secretary and Hazel Sheridan, treasurer.

DANCE WORKSHOP

By Ann Kushner

LV Dance Workshop meets every Tuesday in the AR at 3:00 p.m. for country line dancing. New dances are taught and old ones reviewed. Come and join us for fun and exercise.

The Halloween Party held last month was a great success.

There were 39 dancers and prizes were given for best costumes.

In the absence of Marguerite Abdelnour, the dance workshop instructors are Rhoda Smithkin and Tom Endo.



By Anne Janoff

On November 23 the regular Saturday Night Ballroom Dance will be hosted by Robert and Edith Vanicek. Walt Smuske and Doris Nunez hosted the October 26 evening, followed on November 9 by Gilbert Chapas at the host post.

On December 14, the

Christmas Dance will be hosted by Cy and La Rue Boynton. Holiday cookies will add to the evenings enjoyment in addition to the regular coffee, tea, punch and ice. BYOB. Dancing is from 8 to 11:00 p.m. in the AR. Fifty-cents per person.

As always, during this holiday season, many villagers have relatives and guests visiting. All are welcome and encouraged to come and share in the pleasure of the dance.

Check Your Hydrants For Blue Spot

The Emergency Services Committee reported to the Board at the November Fourth meeting that the blue reflectors embedded in the road indicate that a fire hydrant is located either on the right or left side of the street opposite the re-

flector. If you find either a hydrant without a blue reflector in your village, or a blue reflector without any hydrant, please call the Camarillo Fire Department. Do not call the Village personnel or employees. Thank you.

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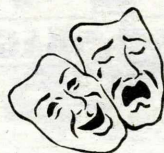
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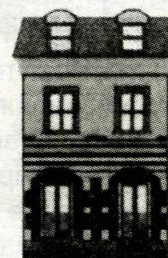
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Halloween Hijinks

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That left only Ron Steigerwald V.25 whose job was to give visitors to the office some Trick-or-Treat candy and cake. Whew! It's a good thing Halloween comes



Unmasked: Susan Rockwell, Recreation Manager



Two gun Shelley Runge



Debra McAdam as a dance hall gal and Froi Velasquez, the debonair sheriff

Story and Photos by Betty Murray

just once a year, pal. Those bad guys might really take over and villagers would have a heck of a time keeping their club rooms straight.

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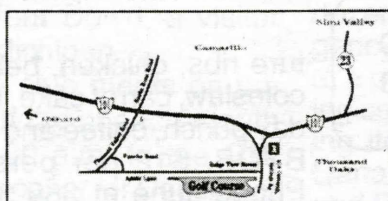
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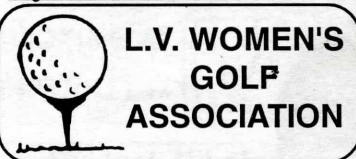


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L.V. WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

By Betty Bruce

The LVWGA mourns the passing of two of its members, Audrey Zhe and Lucille Crosby. They were always willing to help in any way possible. We will certainly miss them.

Regulation golf, October 17 at Westlake Golf Course, the results as follows: Flight A, Donna Duke had a 76 with birdies on # 6,7,10, and 11 to win Low Gross. 1st Low Net was won by Mary Giesler. Flight B, in a tie for Low Gross with scores of 100, were Char Christensen and Marty Gregory, and Low Net was Ginny Mettler. Flight C, Low Gross won by Aggie Saltus, with the least putts in the field. Low Net was won by Evelyn Lacy.

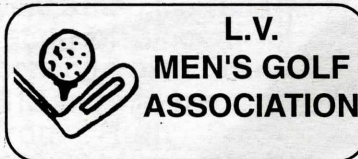
Flight D, Low Gross was won by Eileen King and Low Net was Nettie Baum.

The results of the End of the Month mixed tournament on October 27, Flight A: June Rose, Low Gross with 64. Flight B: Adeline Littenberg, Low Gross with 72. Flight C: Ruth Kent, Low Gross with 83. In the Niners, Rae Sohr won low gross with 43.

Low scores for October: Low Gross, Donna Duke, with 63. Low Net won by Evelyn Lacy with 69-18=51. For the Miners, Low Gross, Marge Kelly, with 28 on the back. Low Net won by Lindsey Merrill with 29-7=22.

The second round of the President's Cup Tournament scheduled for October 30, was postponed due to rain, results will be in the next edition.

Have a happy Thanksgiving.



L.V. MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

By Dick Hof

The Club championship, played at scratch on October 1 and 8, had Syl Horwald the champ in A Flight with 108. B Flight champion was Jack Kassel in at 125, and C Flight top dog was Cliff Kemp at 137.

Scotch 2-some winners on October 15 and 16 were Marge Horn and Jerry Vaught at 51, with Niners Doris LaManna and Bob Sklarz top at 26. Joe Kremer outdid himself at the picnic following, with his excellent food, particularly his delicious bread.

Regulation golf at Westlake on October 24 again found Syl Horwald tops in A Flight with low gross 75. Bo Humphrey won Flight B low gross at

86, while George Dennis shot 94 in C Flight for low gross honors.

Month-end tournament results: A Flight; Low Gross Jerry Orth 58. Low Net Gus Ward 54. B Flight; Low Gross Ted Rose 60. Low Net John Rice 53. C Flight; Low Gross Tony Gregg 63. Low Net Cliff Kemp 53.

The 19th Hole party was a hilarious costume affair, with kudos going to the Bellantes and Fran Mead, among others. Thanks goes to Cliff Kemp, who wrote and directed a 3-act play entitled "A Drive, Pitch and A Putt." The audience loved it.

A reminder to mark your calendar for December 12 for the Holiday Party. Notices are up, and dinner-dance tickets go for \$21.50 each.

Could someone arrange a transfer of Syl to L.V. Ocean Hills?



CAMERA CLUB

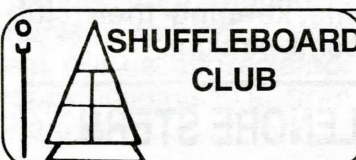
By Marion Sevren

The results of the November Camera Club competitions in the assigned category (animals and birds) were: first place, Jack Burden for "Thirsty Warbler," second place, Imogene Gregory and third place, Al Simons. Betty Murray and Sam Weinstein received honorable mentions. In the open category Milt Mankoff was awarded first place for Blazing Sunset, while Sam Weinstein and Bill Huffman were second and third place winners. Marion Sevren and Imogene Gregory received honorable mentions.

Please notice the display prints now on exhibition in the Rec Center. The four prints are by Celia Cantor, Imogene Gregory, Sam Katz and Barbara Simons. They will be there in November and December for viewing.

On the third Wednesday of October, our Program Chair Sam Brown, arranged a talk on Photojournalism which was given by Rex Wagoner, staff writer and photographer in the "Our Town" section of the Camarillo Star newspaper. Surprisingly, Rex uses a point-and-shoot camera for the pictures he takes to illustrate his articles. Rex likes to use a white background for portraits and focuses on the subject's eyes. Rex gave the audience a description of how the newspaper uses photos and photographers and used the Star as example. He was very generous with his time and responded to many questions.

The December 18 meeting will be a pot-luck dinner. Program Chair, Sam Brown has done a wonderful job during 1996 providing the club with many varied and interesting programs. Thanks a lot, Sam.



SHUFFLEBOARD CLUB

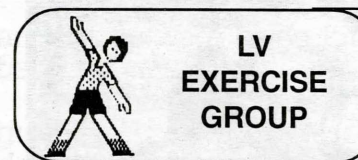
By Virginia Shine

The Shuffleboard Club will hold its annual holiday party on Tuesday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the MPR. It will be a catered dinner consisting of delicious stuffed chicken breast or tri-tip, and a green salad, vegetable, rice, beverage and rolls. The cost

will be \$10.00 for members and \$11.00 for non-members.

Anyone who is interested in shuffleboard, or is interested in learning, is invited to come out and try the new courts. Regularly scheduled play is on Monday at 9:45 a.m. and Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

The Shuffleboard Club meets the first Tuesday of the month in the MPR. Our next meeting will be December 3, at 7:30 p.m.



LV EXERCISE GROUP

By Lillian Mankoff

Come rain, wind or sunshine, the LV Exercise Group remains faithful to its morning exercise routine. When heavy rains make the outdoor pool pavilion too uncomfortable, the group moves indoors to the AR.

The annual potluck dinner on November 8 drew more than 125 members and friends. There were door prizes, special surprises and Joe Kremer's tasty bread. After eating all the delicious food, members played Pan and other card games. It is no wonder that this event has be-

come such a favorite event.

Thursday, April 17 is the date set for the Santa Anita racetrack outing. The cost of the bus as well as the price of admission are all included. Details will be announced.

If you have picked up miniature bath and lotion samples in your travels, and wish to contribute them, they will be packaged and given as holiday gifts to the residents of the Camarillo Convalescent Hospital as part of the group's gift-giving visit.

The Exercise Group continues to attract new members. All residents are welcome to join us Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. at the pool pavilion for a bending, stretching and cardiovascular "fix".



MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

By Carol Heyerick

The next "Meet Your Neighbor" meeting will be held on November 29 in the GR at 1:30 p.m.

Hildi Taylor, chairman, will welcome guests and members. Special attention will be given to new arrivals. She will talk a little about all the clubs and activities going on almost daily.

We are keeping the

name of our guest speaker as a surprise.

Hunter Cohen, V.P. of Leisure Village Board of directors, was our guest speaker in October. He spoke about the statistics of the Village.

We also enjoyed hearing from our library chair. Eileen Cohen. She said donations of books and magazines are always welcome and needed.

Jules Nayfack talked about the Keyboard Club. We wish you a healthy Thanksgiving, and hope to see you on the 29th.



SOLO CLUB

By Julie Few

Solo Club will have a holiday party on Friday December 6 in the AR at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be catered by Tony Roma and will fea-

ture ribs, chicken, beans, coleslaw, carrot cake, holiday punch, coffee and tea. BYOB. \$12 per person. Phone June at 389-3074 for reservations. Plan to be there for the fun. NO bag lunch/business meeting in December. Happy Holidays to all!

EARLY DEADLINES FOR DECEMBER ILV COPY AND ADS DECEMBER 2 BY 5:00 p.m.



L.V. RACQUET CLUB

By Ida Kubica

The Racquet Club table tennis players represented by Phil Belsky are now playing in the Sun Room on Monday & Thursday from 2 to 4:00 p.m. Phil and Bob Hasen are promoting a table tennis-exercise room for the Village and need support. It will be one more way to keep up with the times, improve the Village and add value to the property. All you walking wounded, disabled veterans of the 'take no prisoners' tennis wars, there is another option: table tennis, a no-pain fast-fun game with a lot of competition. Pizza TT tournaments? Why not! Play as singles or doubles-whichever suits your style.

The slate of officers for 1997 as presented by Bob Hasen are: Pres. Sy Ross, V.P. Bud Samuels, Treas. Al Zelmon and Secy. Louise Houser.

George Nolte reported on the tennis Pizza Tournament of September. There were 10-1st place, 14-2nd place and 8-3rd & 4th place winners. Jerry Doctrow declared the paddle tournaments & pizza party a rousing success.

In the October Senior

Olympics, Ed Pollaine won second place in the Table Tennis tournaments.

The September Mystery Guest was Woolf Phillips. Born in London in 1919, he was one of eight children in the Phillips family. He is an accomplished cricket player and now avid paddle tennis player. He was in the Army Medical Corp., where he also conducted the Army Orchestra during World War II. Later he established the Woolf Phillips Symphony Orchestra that played in the London Palladium. He orchestrated and scored music for famous singers and entertainers known the world over. He was commissioned to give six Royal Command performances at various places. Woolf and Sylvia later moved to Leisure Village in 1982 after vacationing here over the years. He directed the Camarillo Symphony Orchestra for several years, and was president of the Camarillo Arts Council. For more details read Woolf's scrap book.

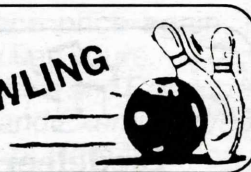
December 11 is the next meeting with a wine and cheese Holiday party, at 7:30 p.m. in the MPR. It is that time of year again so let's all show up to wish a healthy, happy New Year to all club members and friends.

Eddie Saeta responded to questions about particular computer procedures, and offered to provide members with "hands-on" assistance.

New members Neil Iven, Joan Derby and Gudula Amerikaner were introduced and welcomed, as was Tom Dowd, a visitor from Michigan.

The club meets on the first Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the GR. The speaker for December 6 will be Bob Davis, a computer consultant, whose subject will be "How to Upgrade your Computer".

BOWLING



By Vee Flowers

During the bowling season, the League runs 2 tournaments which are divided into 4 groups, according to averages. There is quite a spread between the low and high so this is the fair way to match up the bowlers, both male and female.

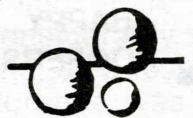
The winner of the highest group of 140 and up was Ernie Slabotsky. The second group of 127 to 138 was won by Vee Flowers. Third group 115 to 126, Irv Goodnick, and the fourth group of 113 and under was Rosemary Cobb. Con-

gratulations to all.

At the end of 9 weeks, "True Grit" is in first place with "Les Miserables" following close behind.

Some of the high scorers were: President Hal Brodsky, with 207, 221 and 244 for a big 672 scratch series. Joe Kremer, 224 and 577 series and Ernie Slabotsky with 192; 200 and a 531. The women scorers were Helen Hartman tops in every category. We may have to take a back seat to one of our newer bowlers. Congratulations Helen!

The League can always use substitute bowlers. All villagers are invited to come down for practice and sign up for the available list.



BOCCE CLUB

By Henry Carfagna

The Bocce Club celebrated its 22nd Anniversary with a Halloween pizza party. Entertainment was by Sig Jaffe and the Square Dancers and by Camille, a professional singer.

THE SAWDUSTERS CLUB



By Martin Alfred

At our Sawdusters October meeting we received reports on the successful sale of the many toys and household items that our club members made for the Womens Club Bazaar. It was a job well done and enjoyed by all that participated.

At our "Show & Tell" Jack Beardsley explained how he designed and made a dozen signs for the emergency services to be used at a practice disaster training session. Other interesting items were shown by Dana Street, Glen Eidem and Phil Farber.

Come join the fun. We meet every third Thursday of the month at 2:30 p.m. in the Lanai Room.



SPIRITUAL GROWTH GROUP

By Dorothy Holcomb

The Spiritual Growth Group will enjoy a Christmas luncheon at the home of Lillian Walsh, 7434 Village 7 at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 3.

An interesting program has been planned, including a story told by Reverend Soyster, which was also written by him.

There will be no other meetings of the group in December.



Library

By Eileen Cohen

Have you noticed a dearth of magazines in the Library? What has become of all the generous readers who brought in their almost-new copies when they finished reading them?

We really appreciate all the books that have been pouring in and certainly don't want to seem ungrateful - just a reminder that we depend on your generosity and thoughtfulness.

A word to all new move-ins -- we hope you've already discovered the library -- it's just east of the lobby. We operate on the honor system - just take home whatever you like -- but PLEASE remember to bring back whatever you borrowed; if you've enjoyed it, so would someone else.

Barbara Simons has donated the results of her extensive research into sources available for board and care and assisted living in Ventura County. The information is in a binder on the cabinet in the corner, available for xeroxing, only.

Happy reading from your busy library workers.



NEEDLEWORK ETC.

By Celia Gordon

The Needleworks Group meets every Friday in the Village Room from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. If you are having a problem with knitting, crocheting or needle point projects, perhaps one of us can help you solve it. Anyone interested in the above crafts are welcome to come to our meetings. Call Celia, 484-3441 for more information.



COMPUTER CLUB

By Ben Perry

The October meeting of the Computer Club featured speaker Brian Theaker from the Department of Water and Power whose subject was "Computers and Power". He discussed the ways in which computers can be protected from power surges caused by mechanical malfunctions and other causes. He also answered questions posed by members of the group.

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VILLAGE SWINGERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

By George Nolte

The Village Swingers Square Dance Club danced to tapes, as caller Bill Kramer's flight was grounded in Oakland. The Swingers exchanged gifts as a prelude to the Holiday Season and it was a fun night.

Bill was back for the second meeting of the month and the group enjoyed an evening of dancing to singing calls.

The Executive Board met at the home of Geri & George Nolte. The general membership meeting con-

vened, as scheduled, on the third Tuesday of the month. Four couples planned to come early the following week, to practice squares for an exhibition dance at the Bocce Club Annual Dinner. Prior to the meeting, Bill made it an interesting, evening by calling scatter dances.

The members donned Halloween faces and costumes for the last dance of the month. Dancers' costumes included half man/half woman, witches, and clowns.

The Swingers, who alternate rounds and squares meet every Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the AR. Refreshments are served.

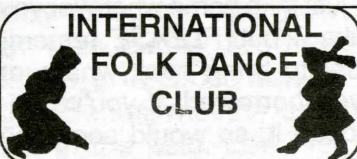


Liedeleers

By Selma Lich

The Liedeleers singing group has established a reputation for offering a musical experience which is soul stirring, nostalgic and therapeutic. Could anyone ask for more?

Well, like maïna from heaven, Frances Singer emerged. A relative newcomer to the Village, she joined the group to sing her favorite songs but turned out to be a violinist of virtuoso quality, delighting the members with her "continuos" and "obligatos" as accompaniment to the



INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE CLUB

By Marilyn Goodman

The general meeting of the International Folk Dance Club was held on Monday, November 4 at 2:30 p.m. in the AR. Meetings are held every other month.

We are now working on a slate of officers for the coming year and will report further on this in the next issue.

We are also very fortunate in having two great

people, Virginia Calihan and Mae Sheff, who teach and help us to learn the dances each and every week. It takes patience and temerity of which they have plenty.

If you would like to join us in this fun activity, beginners dance Monday, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. in the AR. The advanced group is from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the AR on Wednesday and Friday.

Come and watch us and you too may become a folk dancer and enjoy the wonderful songs we dance to.

Happy Holidays to all!



HAPPY HOOFERS

By Shirley Heller

The Happy Hoofers are looking forward to a great Thanksgiving, and wish the same to everyone.

The holiday season is right around the corner. We are planning a holiday pot luck party, Wednesday, December 18 at 2:00 p.m. in the MPR. The telephone committee will be calling Hoofers and friends.

If you wish to join us as a dancer or friend, call Helen Gold at 987-2484.



LV ROUND DANCE

By Georgia Schneider

The Round dance participants continue to trip the light fantastic every Sunday and look forward to their annual holiday get together on December 15. Bill Burrier will be at hand to teach a new routine as well as review some of the old favorites.

We welcome new participants. Happy Holidays to all!

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Safety Precautions

All Village homeowners and renters are urged to set up a routine to protect their residences from possible water damage when they leave home overnight or for a longer period. The committee suggests that the main water valve to the house be turned off, and also the circuit breakers to the water heater at the main electrical panel.

Those at home are urged to turn off both water valves to the washing machine hoses after use, to avoid damage from possible burst hoses. The committee is investigating new washing hoses with braided stainless steel lining. These new hoses will cost more, but could save homes or garages from water damage problems.

Costs of water claims in the Village are increasing. Part of the efforts of the Plumbing Maintenance Committee will be to avoid trouble for the homeowners as well as the high number of claims for the Village.

Vern Tyler is chairman

of the committee, with Al DeFusco and Chet DeLallo assisting. Other volunteers familiar with general plumbing are welcome to join the committee.

WALKING..... FROM PG 4
discouraging slowdown. One reason appears to be that exertion burns progressively fewer calories as you get thinner.

Eleven severely overweight women lost 20 percent of their weight in about five months through a strict program of walking and dieting. Treadmill tests then showed that the slimmed down women burned 25 percent fewer calories than before just standing still, and 30 percent fewer while walking at a slow to moderate pace. Most of that decrease could be accounted for by the reduced energy demands of a smaller body. The researchers speculated that the rest might stem from the fact that the formerly obese women in this study simply didn't have to work as hard just to get around.

For anyone who has noticed that excess weight grows more stubborn the more you lose, this study may provide some motivation to keep at it. Those melting pounds will quicken

their pace once again, if you quicken yours.

[Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise, 6/95]
Weights Help Walking

Countless studies have found an array of health benefits from a walking program. Now, University of Vermont researchers have shown how a complementary strength-training program can assist the daily constitutional.

For 12 weeks, 24 men and women aged 65 to 79 were assigned to either a strength-training program or an inactive control group. At the outset, the researchers measured the volunteers' leg strength and how long they could walk before becoming exhausted. By the end of the study, the weight-lifters' legs were considerably stronger—and, as a result, their endurance was much improved. On average, they could walk 36 percent longer than before, increasing from about 25 minutes to 34 minutes before they ran out of steam.

Gains like those, the researchers noted, could go far toward forestalling the physical declines that accompany aging. Extra walking ability might help forestall mental declines as well.

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By Kay Murray

At the October meeting of the R.V. Club, Art Thompson chaired the nominating committee for 1997 officers. Nominees are: President, Bill Glazman; First V.P. Lee Truman (Program); Second V.P. Kay Murray (Publicity); Third V.P. Art Thompson (Telephone committee); Secretary Paul Kelwin, Treasurer

John Keckler. Alternates for secretary are Luella Kelwin and Mary Barkenmeyer, while Tom Rushing will be alternate treasurer.

Election took place at the November meeting, and installation will occur at the Christmas wine and cheese party in December.

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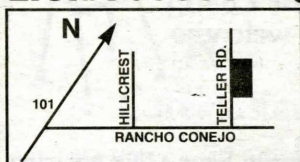
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Profile: Joe And Edith Kremer

By Jack Whalen

Theirs is a story of survival against all odds. There's cruelty, brutality, much suffering, courage and a bit of luck in this story of two Holocaust survivors. Let's travel to Village 32 and meet Joe and Edith Kremer.

Edith was born in the small town of Polgar, Hungary, some 100 miles southeast of Budapest, the capital city.

Hers was a reasonably happy childhood. Her mother and dad owned two grocery-type general stores. Completing the family was a younger brother and three years later, twins: a boy and girl. One might say fortune seemed to smile on them.

Alas, war clouds were gathering in Europe and when she was but 13, her 38 year old father was taken to a nearby labor camp. They visited with him a few times and then, without warning, he was shipped to Russia, never to be heard from again.

Edith now shared some of the family's responsibilities and later moved to Budapest. Securing work in a dress factory, she was now able to send money home.

Disaster struck when she was 17. All Jewish fe-



Joe and Edith Kremer

males from teen-agers to about age 40 were forced into labor camps while the very young and the old were sent to death camps. Tragically, her mother, two brothers and sister were shipped to Auschwitz and, as Edith feared, were lost forever.



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The group was then forced to march to the Austrian border. Those who became ill or too weak to continue were simply left on the side of the road to perish.

Reaching Austria, this ragged band, now number-

ing about 100, were put on a cattle car and for 4 days had no food or water. Upon arriving in Germany they found the Nazi guards just as cruel as their Hungarian counterparts.

Although suffering unspeakable torture, sometimes having hallucinations, often wishing she could somehow die, she found within her a spirit that kept her going.

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were quickly supplied.

She now found her way back to Polgar only to find that life there would be impossible. Not only were all of her Jewish friends gone but her former Hungarian neighbors and friends ignored her. She soon found out why. They had looted her home and were now in possession of all her belongings.

Heartbroken, with her loved ones gone, she returned to Budapest, unaware that Joe was looking for her.

Joe was born in Miskolc, Hungary, located some 75 miles east of Budapest. It's worth mentioning that Hungary is a small European country, about the size of Indiana. Joe had an older sister and a younger brother and sister. At age 5 Joe's father died and he has no recollection of him.

Soon after, Joe's mother left for America. He and the three siblings were taken in by his wonderful grandmother. Also living in what were two houses and one good-sized yard were an aunt and uncle and about 14 children.

His very early years were spent going to Hebrew school from 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. then he attended public school until about 3:00 p.m., then returned to Hebrew school until 7:00 p.m. By age 10 he learned it could be difficult being Jewish for he was often on the receiving end of taunts by older boys. His weekends and non-school days were spent working on a farm and/or doing light labor

at a stone quarry.

At age 13 he moved to a larger city and became an apprentice baker. This meant signing a 3 year contract and it was anything but easy. Joe recalls on his first day he had to carry more than 50 pounds of bread on his back. Quite a task for a 13 year old.

Still, he was learning a trade and when his three years were up, he traveled to Budapest in search of employment. He lived in a small room with 8 others and to compound his problems, inflation was rampant.

"If I made \$3 one day, it took \$6 the next day to make up for the new cost of living," said Joe.

One bright spot in his existence was meeting Edith and over the next few years they occasionally dated.

Suddenly life changed as the Germans arrived and every Jewish male over 18 was put into a labor camp and forced to wear a yellow ribbon on the right arm. Several times Joe defied orders and left the camp without the ribbon to see Edith. He was lucky. Anyone caught doing this was shot on the spot and he witnessed this happening on several occasions.

In the labor camp they were forced to clear rubble following bombings as well as burying the dead. Then, although he didn't know it at the time, they were on a march to the Austrian border, often having to bury the dead from Edith's group ahead.

In December 1944 he and 80 others were put on a sealed cattle car. For 5

days this group went without water, food and sanitary facilities. When the train did stop, Joe was one of the first who bolted from the car. Only 10 were allowed off and they were kept under strict guard until the Russians arrived.

The victors didn't bother Joe much. He was down to 90 pounds and a stiff breeze would have toppled him.

One day Joe caught a pig, cut him up, roasted him and just about ate the whole thing. It was the first time he had eaten a meal in nine months. He became sick, due to the deprivation of camps, that lasted some three months. During this time he and another chap, a Hungarian, managed to corral two cows and a

wagon. This must have been a spectacle with Joe's partner leading the way with a cow pulling the cart, Joe in the cart, still very weak and the other cow bringing up the rear.

A little later Joe's partner disappeared and Joe traded both cows and the wagon for a pair of shoes. One can imagine how difficult it was to obtain shoes! It wasn't too great a trade because the shoes were very tight.

Soon after he was back in Budapest, discovering to his delight, that Edith had survived the war.

They married on February 19, 1946 and made plans to come to America as Joe's mother had sent him a visa a long time ago. It was not easy getting out of Hungary but they con-

vinced officials they were Israeli, caught in the war.

Once on a train, they traveled to Turin, Italy, and stayed at a British displaced-persons camp. Joe worked in the kitchen and the months passed swiftly.

"There were 20 couples in one large room," says Joe with a twinkle in his eye, "most of us were newly-weds, all of us were young and well, you know how it was."

Their orders indicated they could sail early in December but Edith was expecting so Joe traveled to Genoa and put their voyage on a one month hold.

Daughter Margie was born on schedule and when she was but four-weeks old,

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By Lillian Wallace

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On houses down below:

Where windows seem to beckon
A welcome for each one-
To come inside, and join
In this holiday just begun.

With the lighting of the candles,
By the Shamus, to renew-
God's blessing for the miracle
He gave to every Jew.

A happy time, a time for joy
To gather once again-
As we place the menorah
For all to see, and then

Commemorate this time,
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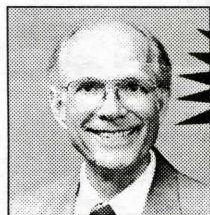
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they left on a transport.

"All of us became very seasick, said Edith, "I felt so bad that they could have dropped me off on any island and I'd have been happy." The transport ship, loaded as it was, made for an uncomfortable voyage.

They landed in America, January 8, 1946 and Joe's mother and sister were there to welcome them. They lived in Brooklyn for 8 months, then secured an apartment of their own.

Joe easily found work in the bakery business and in time was the owner of his own bakery. Harriet, a second daughter was born 6 years later and life was good.

However, their daughter Margie developed a blood circulation problem that doctors believed warm weather would improve.

Joe came west to Santa Monica and within two months had a good job offer. He secured a home in west L.A. and although he had owned a business, he now opted to work for someone else. It was a rewarding career.

They moved to Leisure Village in 1991. Joe is a very active, athletic individual. He is a top bowler, quickly became a good golfer and swims many evenings a week. Their enclosed patio is filled with many trophies, plaques and memorabilia, attesting to his prowess.



*Edith and Joe Kremer
February 19, 1946
Budapest, Hungary*

Joe and Edith on wedding day 2/19/46 near Budapest, Hungary

His greatest fame, most everyone knows, is his famous bread, and we all agree "There's no bread like Joe's bread." He bakes bread for a good number of social functions a year and on occasion will prepare the entire lunch or dinner.

Edith is a novice bowler

and goes mostly for the fun of it. Her skills lie in baking pastries and desserts. Ask anyone who has tried them -- they always want more.

In 1972 the Kremers made a return trip to Hungary, and in Joe's words, "It was very disappointing. Not at all the Hungary we once

knew. I'll never go back again."

As to America and Leisure Village he has become both emotional and patriotic. "I find it easy to forget the many unpleasant years because here we have loved ones nearby, many friends, a fine home and great weather." His voice rising, he continues, "Here we have freedom. I'll say it again, there's nothing like it, anywhere. America stands for freedom for all."

Edith, slightly more serious, says, "I lost all my loved ones in those terrible early years of the 1940s. The world must never forget what happened to millions of innocent people, especially the children. Thanks to producer/director Steven Spielberg, a 90-minute

video tape was made of each of us and while we were given copies, the originals are part of a collection made by all survivors. Washington D.C. will be the home of these videos for posterity."

Daughter Margie is a lawyer, married to a lawyer while Harriet is married to an architect. Both couples have two children.

Joe wants his friends to know that grandson Glenn is a very talented pianist playing at the Sheraton in Tucson, while young Bryan, just 13, also shows much talent on the keyboard.

Thus, it can truly be said that Joe and Edith Kremer are now enjoying a life that never seemed possible so many years ago.

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Another staffer's three year old grandchild's first trip to the beach caused her to run out of the water to her parents saying, "The waves are chasing me." She also said on seeing heavy rain for the first time, "Where is that coming from? Can you turn it off?"

More next month.... hopefully from you, dear readers.

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