

INSIDE LEISURE VILLAGE

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Shelter In Place

By Paul Kelwin

At the deadline for this issue of ILV, the city of Camarillo has announced a disaster preparedness exercise for the morning of Wed, Feb 14. This will involve a simulated toxic spill under conditions where the plume is expected to include Leisure Village. The exercise will assume conditions under which evacuation is impractical. That's where the concept of "Shelter-in-Place" comes in.

Residents who wish to gain some experience in preparing for a possible toxic spill may wish to save the following for review.

1. SHELTER-IN-PLACE means going to a pre-selected area of your residence, sealing that area off from the outside and the rest of the residence as well as possible, and remaining there until the air contamination has dispersed and it is safe to resume normal activity.

2. The shelter area should be large enough for reasonable comfort but not so large as to be complicated to seal off from outside contamination.

3. A bedroom and bath area typically has only one large window, a small bathroom window, and one door — thus the sealing off process is reasonably manageable. In LV it usually has the added features of cable TV and telephone outlets.

4. Unlike an earthquake, in a toxic spill of the type to be simulated, there is no interruption of

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It's "June In January"

By Esther Robbins

I went out this morning all dressed for a freeze,
The house was so cold I had pains in my knees...
But soon I discovered, which was a surprise,
A sun all ablaze in the bluest of skies!

I came home and quickly shed all of my clothes
And noted, with horror, the burn on my nose...
It's "June in January" and it's not just a song,
The trees are all blooming...are trees ever wrong?

My winter coat's hanging and gathering dust,
Everyone's sleeveless and shorts are a "must,"
The air is so balmy, the sky bright and clear,
It wouldn't surprise me if robins appear!

It's summer in winter, and gosh, what a mess...
But I'm not complaining, and let me confess
That if it's all wrong, it's still alright with me,
Who am I to complain if it's fine with a tree...

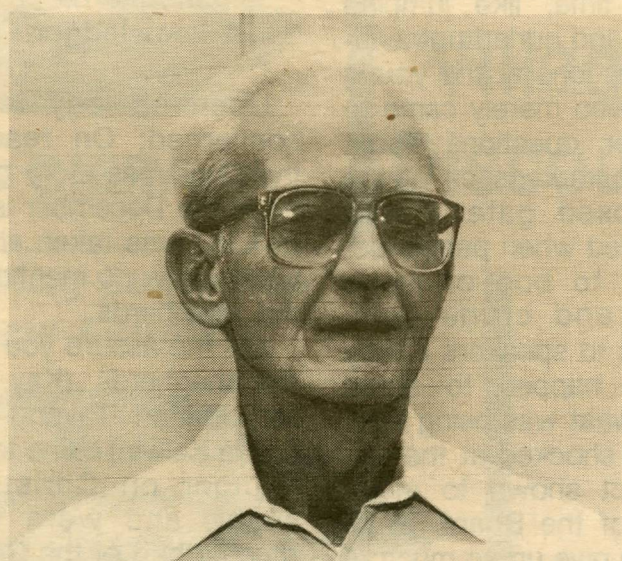


Photo by Stabler

Jim Holthouse

Newcomer Joins ILV Staff

Inside Leisure Village has a new member on its staff. He is Jim Holthouse, a new resident of the Village who has assisted on recent issues of ILV.

Jim is quick to state there is printers' ink in his blood. He was born into a

newspaper family and worked many years in graphics and advertising. He and his wife, Marilyn, moved here from Fort Wayne, Indiana this past July and live in V 20. Jim will coordinate the February edition of ILV.

Security Is Concern At Special Meeting

By Lois Atz and Betty Murray

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors on Jan 10 showed that Security in the Village is uppermost in the minds of the close-to-600 residents overflowing the AR.

The first 90 minutes were devoted to the topic "Is a Change in Direction Needed?" Information on landscaping deficiencies was given by Al Bennett, exterior maintenance by John Lauten, and wages and salaries by Ann Levey.

Then homeowners took turns at the microphone to express their views. Board president June Niles had to be very agile in keeping speakers to the topic, as many wanted to jump ahead to discuss security at the East Gate, too. He handled the tough job evenly, with touches of humor, and kept an open invitation for all people to speak, although he was not able to call upon everyone who was prepared.

Villagers are certainly in favor of a beautiful environment, but many feel that our basic landscaping (with some deletions of excess trees/shrubs) is pretty enough, especially with individual villagers' own colorful garden spots.

To keep exterior building maintenance costs within reason, the substance of thought seems to be to retain provisions of the CC&R's as stated, thus making homeowners responsible for the personally controlled aspects of the homes: air condi-

tioning, garage doors, interior plumbing problems, etc.

There is clearly a poor understanding about reverse-mortgages on our homes, and many people feel deeply offended at the thought of a lien against their equity, even though it would have no immediate effect on their bank accounts.

Residents will tolerate the temporary noise of the landscaping employees using the blowers after lawn cutting, to avoid the messy clippings on walks and driveways, or having to do the sweeping themselves.

Paying our employees: Many feel that "subsidizing" a skilled air conditioning repair man would be worth the cost, but the feeling was somewhat different with landscape personnel, except, perhaps, for the head supervisor, if he could really make a difference. Our employees have a union contract for another year, which already gives them good medical/dental and other benefits.

At 9:00 p.m. discussion of automation of the East Gate began. Costs of a manned gate run about \$46,000 a year, mostly in wages and benefits for the gate personnel, and hours of operation are limited.

Clary Morgan, member of the Purchase Research Committee, was called upon to describe the gate being considered, and to

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INSIDE LEISURE VILLAGE

• OPINION •

Glasnost At Last

ILV heartily commends this Board for its "glasnost" policy.

For years, privately and editorially, ILV Staff has pointed out that lack of communication has been the main cause of much dissension in the Village.

People are very often critical when they do not know all the facts. Many of us have changed our opinions upon learning all the pros and cons in a given situation. Hardly ever is it possible to make a clear decision without balancing all the related factors.

The Board must, of course, make the final decision on most matters. Sharing their burdens and knowledge with us by giving us the opportunity to understand the problems better and to express our individual opinions in an open meeting is worthwhile, even though time-consuming and difficult.

The Special Meeting provided a valuable opportunity for mutual understanding. Thank you, Board of Directors.

People who have investigated monthly fees in comparable developments, have found that LV offers more, and costs less, than any other place in California that they have explored. This undoubtedly has been a factor in keeping up the desirability and resale value of our homes. It behooves us to keep our services and surroundings in order. It also seems prudent to maintain a careful balance between the cost of cosmetic improvements and basic good maintenance against monthly fees. When it comes to beauty, how much is enough? When does a nicety become a necessity?

In preserving our Security System, should we insure ourselves against low-probability incidents? Where has there ever been a system to protect a community against absolutely everything?

In protecting our community values, dare we compare human foibles and needs to the Aesop's Fable "The Ant and the Grasshopper"? Should the thrifty (more able) subsidize the less provident (less lucky) neighbor who realistically speaking, cannot afford to live in LV? How should we help the neighbor who cannot afford LV?

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Letters

What Happened To Us?

What happened that night at our Special Meeting shattered a great many illusions I had about elderly people. I always believed that as you grew older and matured, you were inclined to mellow somewhat. You became more patient, more understanding of others, kinder and certainly more considerate of those around you. Some people, I thought, even became wiser as they grew older. So what is happening to the elders who live here in Leisure Village? Are we changing the mold?

Frankly, I was shocked at the behavior of so many. I was shocked when some lady shot out of the audience as if from a cannon and standing in front of the Board demanded to know if they had arrived at a conclusion about the East Gate. I was shocked when some started jumping out of their seats, often 5 or 6 at a time, like jumping jacks and hurled unfriendly questions at the young man who merely came to answer questions about the characteristics of the proposed gate. I was shocked when people decided to boo or make loud and crude comments to speakers if they didn't happen to agree with what was being said. I was shocked at the disrespect shown to members of the Board, all of whom give up so much of their time and effort to handle the affairs of this Village. They certainly do not deserve the abuse of these ill-mannered and chronic complainers.

What's happened to those nice elderly people characterized by writers, artists and on the screen? Please don't tell me that we're changing into mean, nasty and rude people.

John Russo, V 44

More letters relating to "THE MEETING" are on pages 8 and 9 of this issue. Ed.

Big Hug

To all the Waterobic participants who so generously contributed toward Gift Certificates for your Co-Conductors (Marie and Dottie) a great Big hug and many many thanks!

Be assured this was not necessary. However, your thoughtfulness is sincerely appreciated. Your smiles, your continuous enthusiastic attendance and the "feedback" testifying to the therapeutic benefits many of you have experienced are all the reward we need to make our endeavors pure pleasure.

Let each of us get a the 1990s off to a robust start by continuing to enjoy while we "work" at staying active and healthy.
Marie Hergenroeder V 44
and Dottie Stabler V 26

Shepherds Acknowledged

Open apology to all concerned: On reading the Christmas story printed in the December issue of ILV I was taken aback when I saw no mention of the shepherds.

Let me assure you that the shepherds, (Kay Collier, Marion Tavano and Luella Kelwin) came to the manger on Christmas Night, and were very much a part of the Christmas Program. Sorry for the omission.

Marguerite Abdelnour,
V 13

Medicine Supply

Much has been written about earthquake preparedness, with the stress being on stockpiling food and water. I have seen nothing about stockpiling medicines, particularly prescription medicines. I feel this should be a high priority. Most of us wait until we are almost out before ordering a refill. In case of an earthquake, your pharmacy might be hit and not be available. It might be out of business for several weeks, your doctor might not be available to give you a prescription to take to another pharmacist or even to OK your refill at your regular pharmacy. So check with your doctor and your pharmacist to see if you can keep a month's supply on hand at all times. This of course must be rotated and remember, your refrigerator might not be working for a while in case you have the kind of medicine that has to be kept cool.

Don Holmes, V 6

Thanks Ch. 12

This is a "Thank You" to Ch 12 and the LVA for bringing us the "Discovery" channel (on our 24). This station runs, for the most part, travelogues and nature films which are informative, a pleasure to watch and a relief from the "canned laughter" of the evening sit-coms.

Don Holmes, V 6

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All Association offices will be closed Monday, February 19 to honor Presidents Day.

ABOUT NEXT MONTH

Coordinator for next month will be Jim Holthouse (987-4319). Please follow guidelines and be as brief as you can. Deadlines for the February 23 issue will be Monday, February 5. To arrange for a photographer, call coordinator at least 3 days in advance.



Speeding In The Village Still A Problem

By Bob Atz

Monday evening, Jan. 29, at 7:00 p.m., Ch 12 will feature the 2-hour Village Players 1989 production "Social Security." It was a super show and if you missed it, be sure to catch it or put your VCR on for this fine show.

There's a lengthy article in another section of ILV, giving results of the poll made last summer by Ch 12, as well as giving guidance, especially to those who submit messages. Please try to be brief and your message will have more impact.

There's been a change in the starting time for monthly Board of Director's meetings. Beginning Mon, Feb 5, the meeting will start at 9:30 a.m.

Ch 12 will carry the program live as well as repeating it on Sat, Feb. 10 at 10:00 a.m.

LV residents, reacting to the improved conditions of Leisure Village Drive and Mountain View Drive, collected more speeding citations in 1989 than they did in 1988. Warnings, both verbal and written were issued on 202 occasions during the last year.

Many of the admonitions were the result of the use of the radar system presently installed in one of the patrol cars operated by LV. Security. Max Moses, Chief of Security, stated that more offenders would probably be cited if a second radar system, which he is seeking, was available.

This conclusion was supported by a separate study performed by Bob Edwards and Jim Edwards, two members of the Traffic Safety Subcommittee of the Security

and Safety Committee. During tests performed November 16, 1989 and January 9, 1990 on Leisure Village Drive and Mountain View Drive, they observed that the posted 25 MPH speed limits were exceeded by 33-1/3 and 43 percent of the passing vehicles respectively.

The present LV Assn speed enforcement practice is for Security to verbally warn the offending motorist if the speed limit is being exceeded. A second violation will result in a written citation being issued. The third infraction may result in the offender being summoned to appear before the LV Board of Directors to explain his/her behavior. The Board may impose a fine on the culprit.

Villagers are urged to obey the traffic rules; they are for everyone's benefit.

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introduce Ed Court, Pres. of Court Security Systems, Inc., the supplier of the equipment. The sliding gate would be opened by hand-held transmitters, and could be operated 24 hours a day. The cost to install would be \$14,268 and would mean a savings of \$32,000 the first year, with perhaps more in the following years.

Complaints were that automation would compromise our security system: 2 to 3 cars could enter the Village before the gate slides shut. Such gates are frequently out of order or easily damaged; transmitters can be misplaced or stolen; a visible gate person is a strong deterrent to unauthorized entry.

One speaker received strong audience support for his point that the financial difference breaks down to six cents a day per Village unit and that residents would prefer to pay the six cents in order

to retain the present security system.

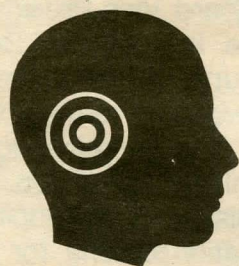
Several cracks in our present security were mentioned where an agile or determined person could penetrate our sanctuary, as well as through the weakened defense of an automatic gate.

President Niles made the point that the Board was not selling automated gates, but had investigated this concept as part of cost-cutting measures which they are mandated to explore in an effort to keep assessments down.

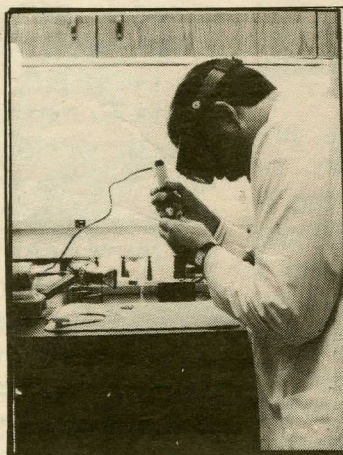
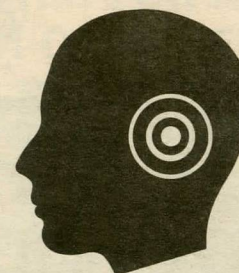
The exchange of ideas ended and the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m. The Board will review comments of the evening and make the decisions. They have promised to keep us informed.

Education is what remains when we have forgotten all that we have been taught.

-Marquis of Halifax



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R.V. Storage Yard Renovated

By Bob Atz

The first ever major re-conditioning of the Recreational Vehicle Storage Yard was completed in late January. Cement aprons surrounding the wash area and the sanitary drain station were enlarged by the Maintenance Staff.

An outside contractor repaired the paving and the parking and roadway surfaces were given a new slurry coat to seal the paving. The job was completed by defining the parking spaces with new striping and new space numbers.

To enable this project to move forward it was necessary to relocate 250 vehicles, including motor homes, trucks, trailers and boats. This removal project was coordinated by Nick Dahl, V3, and utilized parking spaces designated by Max Moses,



Photo by Stabler

R.V. street parking

Chief of Security. Many vehicles were parked near owners' homes,

which helped relieve congestion on Leisure Village Drive.

Your Money And Your Life: Taking Charge

By Jim Holthouse

A series of seven workshops and lectures on money management for midlife and older persons, "Take Charge of Your Life by Taking Charge of Your Money," will begin Feb 6 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, 1101 Ponderosa in Camarillo. The financial information programs are designed to increase current levels of financial knowledge; develop confidence in decision-making ability; and help people gain control of their lives through informed money management. Co-sponsors of the series are AARP and Women's Financial Information Coalition of Ventura County.

Registration fees are \$15.00 per person, or \$20.00 a couple for the 7-week session. Handouts at each workshop and a comprehensive workbook are included. Registration may be made by requesting a mail-in form from the University of California Cooperative Extension in the County Government Center, phone 654-2922. Registration must be received by Feb 1.

Nominating Committee Begins Search

The Nominating Committee is initiating the selection process for candidates to fill the two forthcoming vacancies on the Leisure Village Association Board of Directors. June Niles, Board President, and Bill Blauer, Board Vice-President, will be leaving the Board in June 1990 when their two-year terms expire.

The Nominating Committee, directed by Bill Blauer, is developing evaluation criteria for considering potential Board candidates. Data concerning the legal implications of serving on the Board, time expected to be required to participate and schedules to be followed are being prepared.

The Committee will be meeting weekly until early April to accomplish these tasks. Residents interested in running for the Board are asked to turn in applications beginning in February. Forms for this purpose will be available at the Association Office and the Recreation Center Office.

Are you using our new zip code? It is 93012 as of Jan 1, 1990.

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Note From A Newcomer

By Gertrude Kern

In the waning years of my life,
I have come to this valley so pleasant
To escape the city's turbulence,
The traffic, the smog, the crime --
And Aloneness.
Here I've found more reaching, one to the other.
More giving, sharing and caring.
And that's the way life ought to be.
But isn't.
For some of us it takes a lifetime to discover,
In the final analysis, we need each other.

LETTERS From Pg 2

I wish to thank every-
one for their get-well
cards and calls. It made
my recovery easier from
my operation, knowing
people care.

Bella Levy, V 19

I'm glad to live in LV.
When I was unable to get
the Emergency Room to
see the doctor.

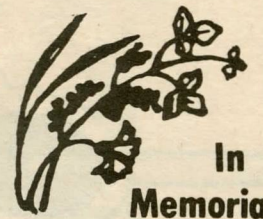
I thank the Lord for our
Spiritual Growth Group
who have been very kind:

cards, goodies, even
some See's candy.
Thankful for many prayers
and concern. I'm able to
do my housework again.

Grace Shry, V 15

Louise and I send our
sincerest thanks to all our
dear friends in LV for the
good wishes sent to Lou-
ise during her recent ill-
ness.

Your concern and
thoughtfulness are very



In Memoriam

William J. O'Neill
V. 25

Genevieve De Groat
formerly V. 25

Elizabeth C. Acosta
V. 44

Dr. Louis Tamkin
V. 24

Rosalyn Kedes
V. 37

much appreciated.
Louise & Frank Berg,
V.29

Millie and I would like to
thank all our friends and
neighbors for the many
get-well cards, visits, can-
dy, flowers and telephone
calls while I was in the
hospital and recuperating
at home. It was most
comforting. God bless
you all.

Nick Dahl, V 3

Our heartfelt thanks to
dear friends, neighbors
and organizations for the
phone calls and lovely
get-well cards received
during Al's recent illness.
Joyce and Al Karchem, V
37

My heartfelt thanks for
the letters, tributes and
cards sent to me in mem-
ory of my beloved hus-
band Leon, father,
grandfather, and great
grandfather.

Your loving messages
helped to sustain me and
my family during this very
sad time.

Florence Block, V 20

I am back from my back
surgery with a good tale.
My recovery was even
faster and better than an-
ticipated. I am sure that all
the good wishes ex-
pressed by my friends
were a powerful factor in
my getting well. Thank
you all.

Marty Ettinger, V 17

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utilities and the TV could be an important source of information. Telephones will likely be operable but may be overloaded. In our Feb 14 practice, we expect to rely on TV Ch 12 for essential information. If you have, or can move, a portable TV into the shelter area, you have the best source of information. If a phone is not located in the shelter area, one of the house phones can usually be unplugged and plugged into a phone outlet in the shelter area.

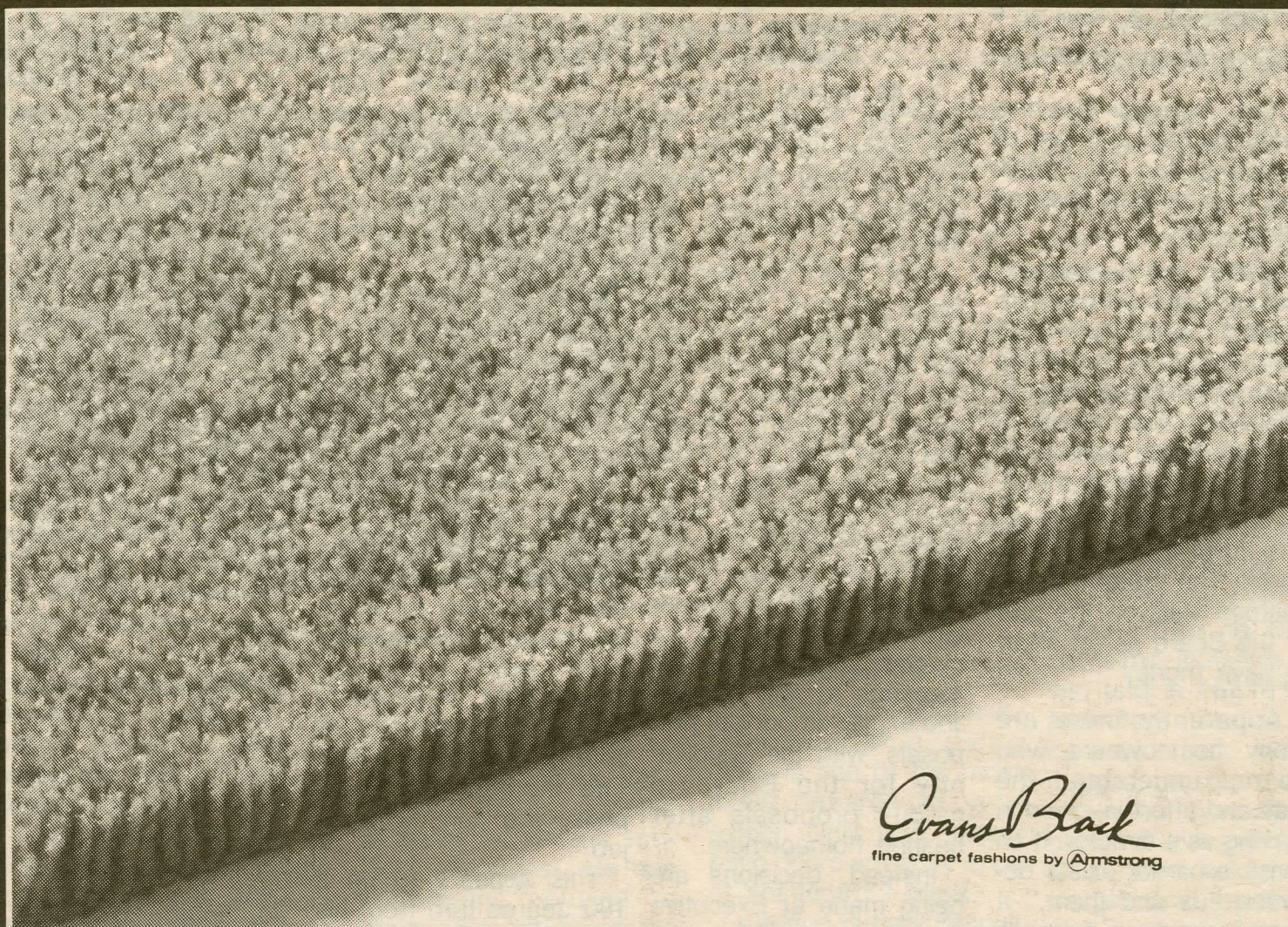
5. For horizontal sliding windows; the two sides, top and bottom of the movable sash are the places to be sealed. Interior doors are not weather-stripped so need all four edges sealed. One of the wider rolls of masking tape (not less than 1-1/2 inches) or the silver colored "duct tape" are examples of commonly available materials for sealing off air leaks. (a 1-1/2 in. by 2160 in. (60 yds.) roll of masking tape (about \$1.99) should be adequate.) *Note: Materials of this type should not be left on painted surfaces for extended periods of time (days) as they may damage the paint.*

6. Shut off air conditioning and/or heater.

7. ESO expects to maintain radio contact with the city of Camarillo Command Center and to advise you of the progress of this simulated incident via TV Ch 12 beginning around 8:30 a.m. on Feb 14 until the "all clear" notification sometime before noon.

This is your opportunity to get some practice which could be of critical importance to you in the event of a real emergency involving a toxic spill.

No white flags this time. In a real event, there would be no one out there to see them!



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LETTERS From Pg 6

Former Director Writes

The Special Meeting called by the LV Board of Directors Jan 10, 1990, can best be described as adversarial.

During the heated exchange between the estimated 500 to 600 homeowners and the Board, the resounding opposition to the concept of an automated East Gate sent a message to the directors that should not be misunderstood nor ignored. The issue at stake seemed valid on the part of the Board as an effort to save money.

Apparently there are many homeowners who do not understand the time and effort involved in serving as a director. If an invisible barrier exists between "us and them," it must come down if we are to continue as a great and viable community.

Lou Okun, V 41

Candidate vs. Director

In its annual interview with the candidates for the Board of Directors, ILV, on May 26, 1989, quoted John Lauten, as follows:

"1.a. There is a need to develop and improve communications between the Board and homeowners. The present procedures at monthly Board meetings need to be modified to encourage homeowners to express their views, ask questions without some of the constraints now imposed. Greater use should be made of special Town Hall meetings to fully discuss and explain important proposals, with the opportunity for the Board to modify proposals after hearing homeowners."

Instead, decisions are being made at Executive Committee meetings, and announced as final once a month; because in the opinion of this Board, all

of our prior Boards were "engaged in a charade."

At the Special Board meeting of Jan. 10, called to discuss whether "Leisure Village needs a change of direction," Mr. Lauten made the following statement:

"We had several suggestions tonight this Village should be run by a vote of the individual homeowners. I'm telling you now that I would not run for this office, and none of the people I know would ever have run for the Board of Directors, if after they study for hours and hours to determine in their best judgment what's right, they had to go out and leave it to a vote of the homeowners. The moment that happens, you can have the job."

This appears to be a 180 degree turn from his above-quoted statement as a candidate for Director; and, it is interesting to note, the meeting was a

"Special Meeting of the Board of Directors," and not a "Town Meeting." The distinction is important.

We, the homeowners and members of LVA, are entitled to know which is the real Mr. Lauten, the candidate seeking votes, or the Director jealous of his power?

Previous Boards of Directors, have put controversial proposals on the ballot, to be voted on by the homeowners, regardless of having no legal obligation to do so. The automation of the East Gate, overwhelmingly opposed, as it is, should be given the same treatment. The Board of Directors loses no dignity by practicing a little democracy. The arrogance of office has no place in LV.

After attending the recent Special Meeting of the Board of Directors, we have a right to ask, "which Board of Directors engaged in a charade?"

The change of direction we need is in the attitude of the Board of Directors toward the people who elected them.

Mike Sherman, V 31

"No" On Automation

I attended the Special Board Meeting on Jan 10, 1990, at which one of the issues was the proposal to automate the East Gate. An overwhelming majority of the residents indicated strong opposition to the proposal.

Among the many people who voiced their objections Robbie Karlin summed up the thoughts of almost everyone; and he did it quite well, pointing out the flaws of automation and in breaking down the cost of maintaining our present and more effective system to a mere 0.06 cents a day per household.

Now I would like to know whether this is one of those issues the Board will decide in one of its private, executive ses-

sions, or is our input really to be considered. Mr. Niles did say that the Special Meeting was for discussion only. In view of the vast turnout of residents opposing automation, can there be any question as to what the Board's decision must be.

Gloria Page, V 44

Automation?

In listening to the discussions on the East Gate, during the Wednesday Night Meeting, I was thinking of the Village when I moved here in 1976. At that time there were no East or West Gates, and everything had to come through the Main Gate.

There was, and still is, on the island and pointed toward the right-hand pass-through, a small box on a bent pipe stand, with a slot in the box. Our Leisure Tech salesman told us that this was for "credit-card" actuators; you put your card in the slot and the gate would rise without the guard having to do it.

The salesman told us, also, that it was disconnected and no longer used, because too many people, according to him, were forgetting to have their pass card with them and the guard had to open the gate anyway.

This was in 1976, and the Village had not been open very long. I can see this happening to the East Gate, if it is mechanized, except that there will be no guard there to rescue the absent-minded resident, and the resultant turn-around to get back onto Santa Rosa Road and to the Main Gate could be hazardous to one's health.

Don Holmes, V 6

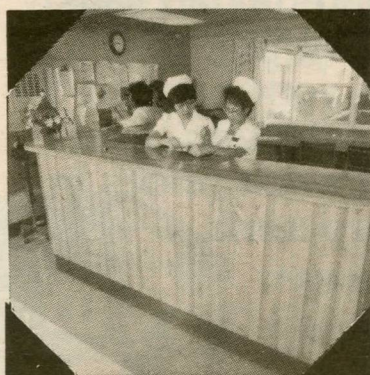
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-Alvin Goeser

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LETTERS From Pg 8

Impressions

To the Board of Directors: Re the Special Meeting of Jan 10

I watched it on TV — Thank you Ch 12 for making it possible — Only one issue was decidedly settled: The vast majority of villagers do not want the East Gate to be automated.

As regards landscaping: exterior maintenance and the employees' pay-scale: A lot of talk, but nobody seemed to address the actual crux of the problem, which is:

You seem to suggest a special increase of \$75 to \$120 per year, or a maximum of \$10 per month, presumably in addition to the regular annual increase. If so, are you saying this \$10 per month would be sufficient to pay for all the points mentioned in the Agenda? I

am sure that's not possible, so in order to keep within this proposed increase, we have to settle on priorities; after all, you rarely get everything you want in life, so why not decide what you want most?

Beautification — Village lacks color: Thanks to the efforts of Ed Williams, Lil Ballonoff and many dedicated donors, that plan is underway with private donations, and I am sure can continue in this manner, just like we raised money for an organ and a piano.

Lawn clippings not picked up: I think this is absolutely essential; also the driveways must be blown clear of grass clippings again; we must find the funds for these services.

Shrubbery trimmed infrequently: If possible, let's find the funds to trim 3 times annually; though one speaker correctly suggested that if you cut

the shrubs several inches shorter, they will take longer to grow back.

Bermuda grass prevalent: That's not very high on my list of priorities; it's just a fact of life in California that the grass turns yellow in the winter.

Exterior maintenance: I think the homeowners should be responsible for items under our own control; i.e., garage doors, garbage cans, miscellaneous items, etc. The association should pay for major — infrequently occurring problems — breaks in the sewer or water pipes, over which the homeowner has no control.

Wages and salaries: We must pay a living wage, so that we can attract and retain responsible, qualified personnel. We will always have a certain turn-over because ours are not career jobs; but we must consider that our very lives may be in

the hands of our security staff; all our funds are in the hands of our office personnel; we simply do not want to scrape the bottom of the labor pool for these positions.

In late November/early December many of us filled in a pink form in the Rec Center which asked for our opinions on the above points. What was the consensus of this poll?

And last, but by no means least: If the Board decides to undertake any or all of these suggested improvements, and levies a special increase of up to \$10 per month, what about those villagers who simply cannot afford it? I would estimate that might be 5% of the homeowners, or a maximum of 100 homes. Would it not be possible for those homeowners to be exempted from this special assessment; i.e., we collect it only from the remaining 2000 houses? It

would mean that those who are truly in need would come forward, and in strictest confidence have their names entered into the computer, so that their monthly dues would be collected without adding the special increase.

We have another means of aiding those villages in need of assistance which is not being fully utilized: Food Share. It is available to anyone below a certain income level (Rolland Barbeau will gladly give you the details). It is not Welfare, it is not hand-out, but a government sponsored program. It would save needy villagers a tremendous amount of money they now spend on their weekly food bill, and would more than make up for this proposed special increase in dues.

I hope my thoughts have helped to clarify the points under discussion.

Lee Edwards, V 31

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Profile:

Harold Wickham: Happy Wanderer

By Betty Murray

In the Village he is known as the man who provides background organ music for many social and club events. His repertoire seems endless as he offers bits of classical music, slips over to familiar popular tunes, excerpts from shows, and segues through his own improvisations. Harold Wickham plays hundreds of songs "by ear," and willingly has donated his time to the pleasure of others just because he likes to.

Music, however, is just one of several hobbies that have highlighted the life of this unusual man.

Harold R. Wickham was born in Buffalo, N.Y., on Nov 28, 1901. His parents traveled a great deal from city to city as his father, a skilled engraver (watches, jewelry, leather, aluminum), plied his trade. They were in San Francisco about the time of the 1906 earthquake. In 1910 they left Seattle, Washington, for Buenos Aires, Argentina, where there was a large centenary exhibition — a great place for engraving work. They liked the country so well that they stayed. Two years later his parents opened a store in Montevideo, Uruguay, (crystal, glass, aluminum, leather, etc.) which did very well. Periodically Harold and his mother would return to the U.S. to purchase merchandise for the store.

For about six years Harold was enrolled in a British School in Uruguay where the teachers, called Masters, were all from Oxford and Cambridge. They taught in both English and Spanish so that Harold's Spanish became very proficient. Teachers also discovered that he could act, and he took principal parts in a number of Shakespearean plays.

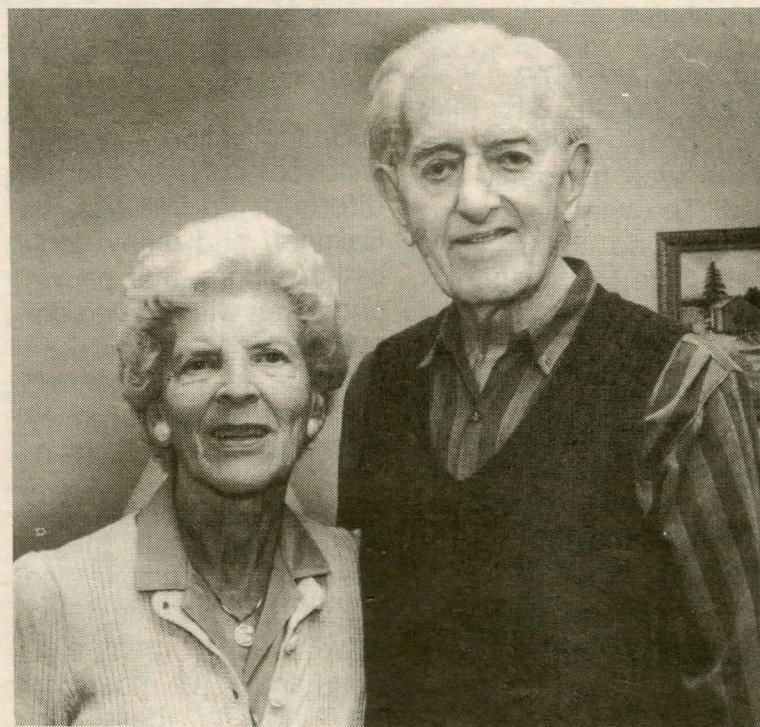


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Eloise and Harold Wickham

History was taught from the viewpoint of the British, and he learned about pounds, shillings and pence as well as the decimal system used in Uruguay. Harold always earned 100% scores in Geography and Mathematics.

Harold's father, who spoke five languages, also played both piano and classical guitar. He taught his son to make left-hand chords on the piano to a melody he played with his right hand. In this way, Harold learned harmony, and to him, it was always fun. When he was about 12, Harold passed entrance examinations to the Music Conservatory and for about a year studied advanced piano technique. Right next to his father's store in the center of Montevideo was a movie theater. A pianist played background music to accompany the silent action on the screen. The theater owner had heard Harold playing "by ear" and when the regular pianist was away, he asked Harold to fill in — for no pay, of course. It was fun, quotes Harold.

During World War I, Harold and his mother

made another trip to the U.S. on a freighter which was blacked out at night because of worry over German submarines. Mother enrolled Harold in a Jersey City elementary school where the principal placed him in the 8th grade. After 6 months he graduated as class Valedictorian. There followed 6 months in high school before returning to South America. On another trip, Harold had 6 months study in a Catholic high school in Seattle, Wash, where they had gone to dispose of some family real estate. Harold also had a few more piano lessons from a fine teacher who was a student of Paderewski's teacher.

While in Seattle, he met for the first time some of his mother's relatives in Victoria, B.C. His mother was born in England and was a courageous young woman, capable of traveling from England to the U.S. by herself. Other members of her family had moved to South Africa, New Zealand and Canada.

Upon returning to Montevideo, Harold took a secretarial course in the

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Current Issues Calendar

By Sol Robin

The Current Issues Forum will hold its next meeting on Fri, Jan 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the AR.

Speaking on the topic "Should Freedom of Art Be Censored by Gove't?" will be Rick Smith, Founder and Past President of the Camarillo Arts and Cultural Council and Marie Young, Exec Bd Member of the Camarillo Art Club.

Forum on Feb 23 will present Charlotte Craven, Mayor of Camarillo and Bill Little, Camarillo City Manager, in a presentation of "A Report to the People." The most vital concerns of the Camarillo City Council will be discussed and plans for the city's future will be outlined. The meeting will be held on Fri, Feb 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the AR.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

June Niles, President of the LVA Board of Directors, will be the speaker at the monthly Meet Your Neighbors Coffee on Fri, Jan 26, 2:00 p.m. in the GR.

All villagers are invited although new residents are especially encouraged to attend. Come for a stimulating meeting of good conversation with old and new residents. Refreshments served.

It Figures

Winter came at last, and rain delayed the reconditioning work in the R.V. lot. Consequently, motorhomes, trailers, boats and campers will remain at their temporary parking places in the villages and along L.V. drive West awhile longer. This will probably increase appreciation for the R.V. lot when eventually work is finished.

Friday Morning Discussion Group

By Gertrude Kern

The Friday Morning Discussion Group, moderated by David Goldstein, continues to attract over forty thinking, articulate people who seem to enjoy discussing current affairs, etc.

The Jan 12 meeting's main topic was "Panama: Was the Invasion Justified?" There were valid opinions pro and con, and the subject was covered from many angles, with quotations being read from articles appearing in the L.A. Times. No vote or consensus was asked for since the FDMG is purely for the purpose of discussion, and the opportunity to air our views.

The secondary subject was "The Challenge of Living Longer." What can be done to make our lives more meaningful as we grow older? The general opinion seemed to be in participating and staying connected to life through interests, activities, friends and family in giving, sharing and caring.

During the "break" we were asked by our moderator to look carefully at a Bruegel print he had brought and give our opinion of the event portrayed, and identify with some of the characters. Finally, as thought provoking and good material for discussion were quotes from thinkers and philosophers. This time they were quotations from Benjamin Disraeli's writings.

The next meeting is scheduled for Feb 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the MPR. No reservations necessary. All villagers welcome.

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-Henry Ford



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By Vee Flowers

After basking in first place for the past few weeks with the top position all but cinched, Team #10 gave way to Team #15 for top honors in the first half of the bowling season. The team consists of Ben Dosick, Shirley Green, Lori Springborn and Teo Kamola. Teo has really been bowling great lately and the good bowling of the rest of the team, was a big factor in their climb to the top.

In May, they will bowl the 2nd half winner for the overall championship.

The results of the singles handicap tournament just ended, were as follows: Class A — Abe Shanman, 625; Al Defusco, runner-up, 591. Class B — Lois Killeen 671; Mildred Harris 570. Class C — Curt Lasch 640; and Vee Flowers

636. Even though there was no play-off to determine the overall winner, it can be noted here that Lois Killeen with her 671 score was heads above everybody. Atta girl, Lois!

If you haven't been getting in the weekly pot games, you're missing out on some good competition and fun.

Some of the would-be winners lately were Marty Gregory, Kay La Prell, Gert Garten, Anna Defusco, Joe Grace and Al Defusco. Aren't you sorry you didn't join in?

As the season progresses, as always, subs are sorely needed. Please contact Morey Gold if you are available to bowl. When a vacancy on a team occurs, the spot is filled by a regular sub with an appropriate average.

See you bowling!



By Jack Whalen

December's regulation golf found the L.V. men at Simi Hills on a windy day with lots of scores on the high side. Alan Bruce fired a respectable 86 gross to take top honors while Willis Sanders won low net in Flight A.

Flight B found a tie in low gross honors between Hugh Gary and H. Ailman with the legendary George Kroll coasting his way to low net honors.

Vern Tutt was low gross man in Flight C with a tie for low net between Sid Dubin and Gene Hawkins.

Ted Rose reports that Mixed Couples golf will be played this Sun, Jan 28, but there will be no 19th Hole Party. How can we possibly compete with the Super Bowl?

Bruce Calkins was able to give your reporter the top winners of regulation golf held at Los Robles in mid-January. Ben Alexander and Jack Whalen tied with 84's for low gross while Jack Castle and Ross Houser tied for low net with 66's.

In Flight B a gross 90 gave H. Ailman top honors but perhaps the most amazing front nine score of the day was posted by Gene Bookwalter, who went out in a sizzling 39. Alas, the back nine found him struggling, but he managed to come in with a low net score of 65 to take top prize.

In Flight C Gene Hawkins fired a gross 97 to take first prize, while Herb Warneke, an up-and-coming golfer, led all in that flight with a 68 net.

Sam Saltus seemed to have "closest to the pin" on Hole 16 until Bill Mortensen came along, and with one mighty blow sent his ball into the cup for Hole-In-One. Congratulations, Bill!



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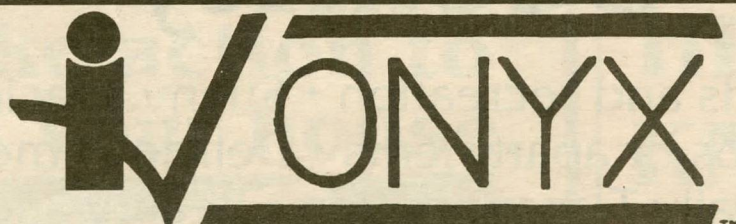
By Jeddy Fornes

The LV Women's Golf Association (L.V.W.G.A.) hosted the annual Holiday Dinner Dance Dec 14. The party was a great success under the able chairmanship of Joy Hess and her assistant Mary Milewsky. The food was delicious and the live band was delightful. Everyone is looking forward to a repeat next year.

There was no regulation golf in December, but play for Jan 18, 1990 was at Westlake Village — results later along with the President's cup.

Low gross for Dec was won by Billie Mueller with a 60 while Evelyn Bearman shot a good game for a 47 low net.

Important dates for February: 2/15, Regulation Golf at Mountain View; 2/20, Mixed Couples Golf; 2/21, Luncheon in the AR; 2/25, Men's/Women's Tournament and 19th Hole Party.



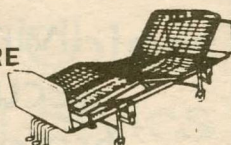
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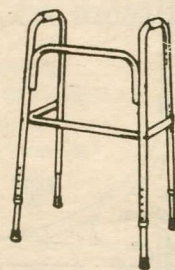
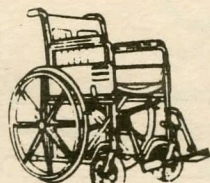
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Please, come and bring all your questions.

Village 32 Party

By Sylvia Streisand
Bea Allen did it again — our 11th annual V 32 Christmas-Chanukah dinner party was held Sun, Dec 10, at Ottavio's Banquet Restaurant.

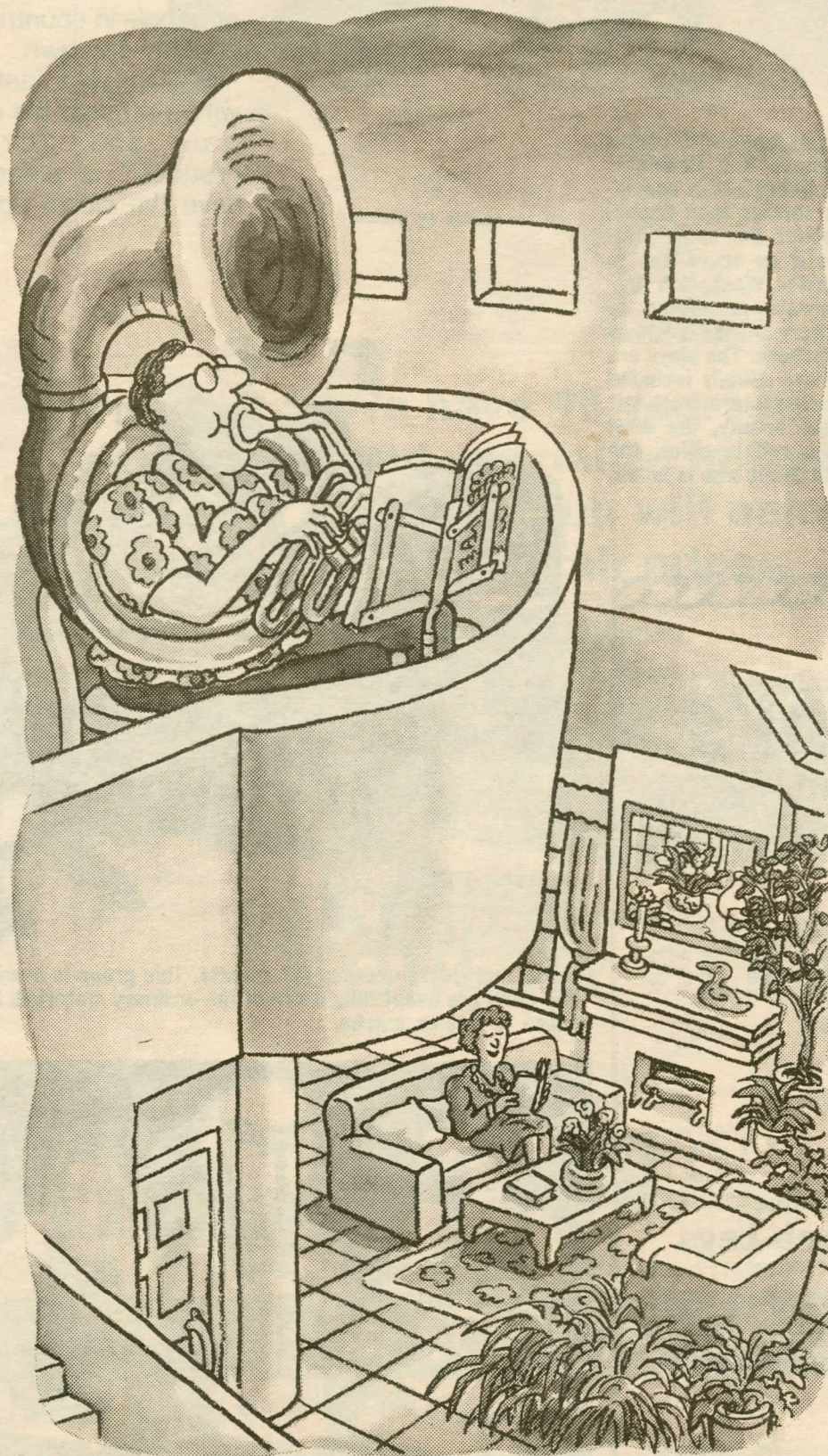
Following cocktails and a delicious dinner, Dan Bernard entertained with several songs at the keyboard. Dr. Leo Igel told a very amusing story. Then there was an added attraction by talented entertainer Jorjana, an exquisite belly dancer. On a more serious note, Paul Kelwin and Jack Bennett spoke on earthquake emergency. Faye Cox and Evalyn Green, our photographers, were quite busy taking pictures throughout the evening.

David Dominguez supervised the bingo games, with many prizes given to the lucky winners. Two door prizes were won by the Flowers and Fewtrells. To top off this wonderful evening, we had community singing led by Belle Dominguez.

So again a great big accolade to Bea Allen, founder of Club 32, for a wonderful evening which we hope is symbolic of a healthy, happy 1990.

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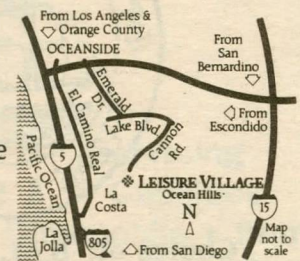
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Village Briefs

Adele Strauss

Adele Strauss, V 42, has been elected president of the Pleasant Valley Hospital Auxiliary for 1990.

Volunteers of the Auxiliary work an average of 3 to 4 hours each per week in various services in the hospital such as manning the registration desk, escorting patients in wheelchairs to appointments, delivering flowers and plants, running the gift shop, talking to patients, being cashier in the cafeteria and other helpful tasks. The well-organized Auxiliary is essential to the operation of the hospital. In the roster of Auxiliary members, 90 women from LV are listed.



Noh doll from Japan with masks - the Japanese Noh Drama is older than Kabuki. It is considered more serious than Kabuki and has about the same relationship to it as opera has to operetta in the West. Noh drama was always performed by men who wore masks such as these shown here. The plays are rigid and have usually included the above characters from left to right: the beauty, the devil who is deep red in color, the fox, and the comic who is an old woman.

Photos by Stabler

Frances Gold

Frances Gold's seven year old granddaughter, Anna, was delighted on Christmas morning to receive about thirty foreign dolls that are part of a collection begun in the 1940s. Frances says that they are of little intrinsic worth but that they should be invaluable in helping a little girl and perhaps her twin brother Dylan as well, to appreciate the ethnicity of people in countries other than our own.

(Dylan was delighted with a 40 year old electric train and "Grammy Frances" is pleased to have the closet space.)



Vietnamese woman doll. This elegant lady from Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City) has great refinement in detail both as to workmanship and materials except that she came with a plastic hat. The hat she is wearing in the picture is a beautifully made straw one that came from a Saigon "dime store". and cost about 3¢ American.

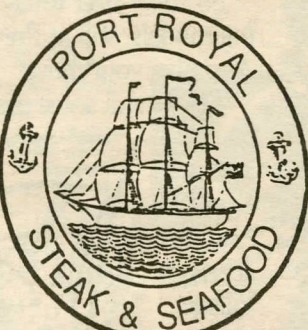


Horse and riders dressed for a fiesta. This group is from Spain. The dolls are beautifully made of the ordinary materials but the horse is papier mache.



Five dolls from Italy: These dolls were copied and widely sold. Dolls exactly like these are in the Shirley Temple Collection at the L.A. County Museum except that hers are slightly larger. They are dressed traditional costumes from different provinces.

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**THE LEISURE
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By Jeanne Carlson

Women's Club's January meeting is always the traditional Installation Luncheon. This year the club met at the Oxnard Hilton to enjoy a social hour followed by an excellent luncheon with a heavenly raspberry shortcake. The entertainment was largely eating.

Outgoing President Carol Heyerick, presided at a short "State of the Nation" review. The Board had found that they were holding some leftover money to donate as follows: The Pleasant Valley Historical Society, \$200; Scholarship Fund, \$1,000 (to be laid away for another school year); \$500 to our generous and talented Woodshop; \$500 to Camarillo Hospice; \$500 to Oasis (aid to local needy); \$500 for a new lectern for the auditorium; and \$200 to build workshop storage in space provided in the library. Everyone approved the expenditures.

The Installer was to be Jeanne Carlson but before the ceremony was begun, she read a beautiful tribute to the club which was written Leisure Village Poet Laureate Lillian Wallace. Lillian had telephoned one evening and said that she had always admired the Women's Club and its good work but had never joined because she was so busy writing. She writes at least one poem every day. Thank you, Lillian, for your compliment.

The theme chosen for the Installation was cooking and the process of making any dish was compared to having a successful club. The seasoning is the secret!

Although the Installer admitted that her best friends are Mrs. Stouffer and Marie Callender, she can thaw with the best of

To The Women's Club

By Lillian Wallace

Looking at your faces,
It isn't hard to tell
The reason that the Women's Club
Is doing very well.

Although at time it's boring,
To sew and knit and do
The countless tasks we seem to ask
From every one of you.

Yet on a scale of one to ten,
We do want you to know-
You score beyond our fondest dream
Yes, what a way to go.

We're sure that you all understand
That what you do will give
Some person something special,
Perhaps the will to live.

Knowing that your kindness
Comes from your heart, it's true-
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Shows in each of you.

So, as you give of yourself,
The Women's Club once more
Excels in doing, giving, helping,
As it has done before.

them. She then donned an apron and set to work.

The office of Parliamentarian is important because legal decisions rest upon her word and experience. Even a President must respect her wisdom. In historic times such a person was called a Sage. Therefore, Eleanor Evans, our new Parliamentarian, received a box of sage as a symbol.

In the same mode, the Corresponding Sec. must write "thank you" notes, condolence and sympathy cards, etc. Velma Cade will serve and was rewarded with a bottle of Vanilla to represent sweetness and kindness (which she has in abundance). "V" for Velma and Vanilla!

The offices of Recording Sec. and Treasurer fit together as a team because they are record keepers. Get it down in black and white! What is black and white? Salt and

Pepper, of course. Without these two ingredients, everything is flat and tasteless. Salt was so important that Roman soldiers were paid in it. Kay Varley is our Treasurer and Marie Tutt will be Secretary.

For 2nd Vice President Dorothy Fencil will be in charge of the Workshop where the Bazaar and its hand-made items come to life. A box of cinnamon was presented to symbolize the good smells of home cooking and Mom's apple pie.

The 1st Vice President/Program Chairman: this job calls for imagination and excitement. Renee Greene, our new V.P. was traveling in Zamboanga or Xanadu but the fitting spcie for her office is Chili Powder — the unexpected zing! Roie Beck stood in for her.

And for President, Kay LaPrell was chosen for a second term. The top offi-

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cer has no easy job. She has to be a dynamo — she has to be electric. She has to have zip! What better symbol than ginger!

The new officers were then sworn in and the members were admonished, "Ladies, start your microwaves! We're going to cook with gas in 1990!"

Betty Murray, outgoing Program Chairman, then presented outgoing President Carol Heyerick with the traditional gold wafer



**BOOK
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Book Review began the New Year right with a good meeting. The book was "Where the Buck Stops" by Harry S. Truman. Harry gave 'em hell as he promised.

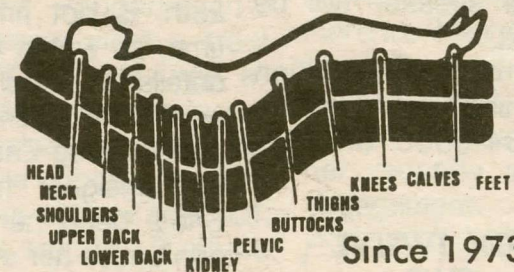
Next meeting will be Feb 12 (always second Monday). A novel, to be announced, will be the subject.

Book Review meets at 10:00 a.m. in the GR, second Monday. Everyone is welcome — no dues — no officers — just books. The reviewer thanks all who attend. Always glad to see you.

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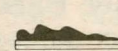
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VISION LIMITED

By Florence Block

How do I write this article without the help of my beloved husband Leon, my partner for 55 years, my friend, my "side-kick" — but I must for his sake and the members of Vision Limited.

We finished a fabulous year with a catered chicken luncheon on Wed, Dec 20, attended by 46 people in the MPR. The decorations were beautiful.

Anne Gaynes chaired this event. What a superb job she did and she presented a beautiful eulogy about Leon. I shall never forget this luncheon.

We were entertained by Al Miller from Moorpark College with wonderful songs in his rich tenor voice accompanied by Renee. Gifts were exchanged and all agreed the party was a huge success.

Henry Malkan was our guest speaker at the January meeting. The next meeting will be Mon, Feb 5, 1:00 p.m. in the LR. A surprise speaker will be featured.

For more information concerning Vision Limited, call 484-5838 or 482-7085.

HIGH TWELVE CLUB

By Gabriel Barkley

The coming meeting of the High Twelve Club will be Mon, Feb 12 at 10:00 a.m. in the AR. The guest speaker will be Donna Nelson, C.P.A. She will talk on the new income tax laws that relate to senior citizens. There will be the customary social half-hour beginning at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and donuts and happy chit-chat. Everyone is welcome.

For the March 19 meeting there will be no guest speaker. Instead, at 9:30 that morning from the AR there will be a field trip to the Naval Sea Bees Base



GEM AND MINERAL CLUB

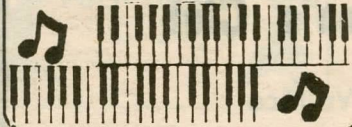
By Don Holmes

Last month we reported on the Gem and Mineral Club's annual dinner and the large group that attended. The poinsettia table decorations were by Jack and Dude Bennett, but unfortunately Jack was ill at the last minute and couldn't be there to see what a grand display it was. The plants were given as table prizes. Other than that, the Club was "dark" over the holidays until last Wednesday, the January meeting. The speaker was Michele Pederson, a UCLA graduate and certified financial planner. Michele is vice president of the Kendall Group of Westlake Village, and the granddaughter of Fern Alexander of V 39. Michelle talked on "Investment in Retirement," and made some interesting points that several members thought they might put to good use.

The program for the February meeting, which will be Wednesday the 28th, is not firm at this time, so watch Ch 12 for details. In March, however, we will again have the popular Meg Easling, jewelry designer from Ojai. She's been here before; don't miss her even if you may not think you want to make jewelry. This will be Wed, Mar 28, 7:30 p.m. MPR.

at Port Hueneme. This will include a guided tour around the Base and the Naval Sea Bees Museum. Lunch will be provided on the Base. Transportation will be by auto convoy. For those who do not drive, transportation will be furnished. Everybody is invited, but reservations must be made at least ten days in advance by phoning Gabriel Barkley at 484-5499 or James Toms at 987-2128.

KEYBOARD CLUB



By Lois Atz

The Keyboard Club meets Fri, Jan 26 at 1:30 p.m. in the AR. Musical theme is "Songs from Around the World." All keyboard players and interested listeners are invited to attend.

The Piano Fund, sponsored by the Keyboard Club, received a donation of \$200 from the Village Players.

Holiday refreshments were served to an auditorium full of people at the recent two-organ concert performed by the Baxters. The Keyboard Club wishes to acknowledge and thank those who baked the festive treats: Margarete Nayfack, Ruth Knight, Roie Beck, Piff DeSimone, Freda Drezner, Bill Glazman, Esther Shulman, Sylvia Stroger, Connie Kremnitzer, Ethel Belanger, Ruth Acker, Maxine LaPorte, Kay Collier and Selma Lich.

Next meeting will be on Feb 23, when "Sentimental Songs" will be the musical theme.



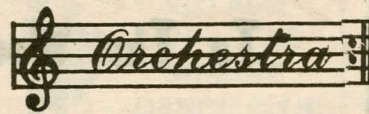
SOLO CLUB

By Monica Alves

Solo Club's first potluck dinner of 1990 will be Fri, Feb 2, in the AR. Note: Please notice change of date! Time is 6:00 p.m. A-G bring dessert; H-O, salad; and P-Z, meat dish or other entree. Remember to bring your donation for the LV Food Distribution. There will be installation of the new officers for 1990.

Our next brown-bag luncheon meeting will be on Fri, Feb. 16 at 12:30 in the GR.

Our Round Robin Bridge got underway this month, and we wish all the players lots of success.



By Don Holmes

The LV Orchestra was "dark" — or should I say "quiet" over the holidays, but is back in full swing, rehearsing every Tuesday and Thursday evening. We have some interesting new music to work on, including another Strauss Waltz, Percy Granger's "Children's March," and Victor Herbert's "Babes in Toyland." We plan to revive Offenbach's "Orpheus" Overture, which has the Can-Can music in it. The "Eile, Eili" and the "Kol Nidrei" came too late to be used during the recent holiday season, but we'll have them ready to go this next December.

The Orchestra is now qualified to borrow music from the prestigious Edwin A Fleisher Collection of Orchestral Music in Philadelphia. This is on a loan basis, and involves modest rental and shipping costs, but is considerably less than buying new music. It also opens up a source of music which may not otherwise be available. We also use the Chatfield (Minnesota) Music Library, which although it specializes in Band Music, has a large holding of Orchestral Music, much of it out-of-print and not replaceable at any price.

VILLAGE PAINTERS

By Mildred G. Oberg

The Village Painters are looking forward to an exciting new year. There will be a talk and demonstration on Anatomy by Marion Jayne on Feb 7, 1:00 p.m. in the MPR. In March we will start the meeting with one of our usual good potluck lunches. The April 4 meeting will be a critique, and Sun, May 6 is the art show in the MPR.



VARIETY GUILD

By Lorraine Kaplan

Variety Guild, chaired by President Robert Freedman, met Jan 11. After hearing reports from the various committees he turned the meeting over to Lillian Leeds, Program Chairperson. "Amusing Anecdotes" was presented as the evening's entertainment — and entertaining it was. Participating in the program were Anne Janoff, Peggy Coster, Reva Saeta, Freddie Popkin, Pauline Davis and Lillian Leeds.

Next month's meeting will be Feb 8 at 7:30 p.m. Be prepared to enjoy "An Evening with Prof. Henry Higgins and Eliza Doolittle" performed by Irv Leeds and Miriam Hasen.

It's full steam ahead for the production of "Can Can." The cast has been partially selected. The reading of the script by the principals will take place Jan 31 with a walk-through on Feb 2. There are still openings for minor roles and for persons wanting to assist behind the scenes. If you are at all interested, please call Robert Freedman at 482-3813. Also, if you have an extensive background in the French language, there is a need for a person to translate portions of the "Can Can" script from English to French. If you qualify, please call Eddie Saeta at 987-2620 for further details.

Get involved — it's fun!

We do welcome all new artists to the Village, as well as others who would like to get back to an instructive and enjoyable time with members. For further information, phone Marion Jayne, Pres. at 484-5112 and/or Maxine Fritz at 482-7798. Dues are now due.



By Gertrude Kern

The Village Players ended the year with their Dec 21 meeting (installation of officers for 1990), in a mood of merriment. Edythe Fahringer, the talented actress-director-writer, had written the installation comments. They were clever and humorous, while defining the particular responsibility of each officer.

Blanche Follen resumes her role as President. Vice President in charge of programming will be Don Pearlman. Second Vice President responsible for publicity will be Gertrude Kern. Treasurer is Ed Pollaine, Recording Secretary, Sylvia Altes and Social Secretary, Charles Kent.

Unfortunately, Edythe Fahringer was not able to install as planned, and her husband, John Fahringer, most ably substituted. A highlight of the evening was the award and honor of a life-time membership to Jack Beardsley and Dring Needham, for their special contributions and tireless devotion to the Village Players.

Billie Pachter (outgoing membership) and Bea

Weltman (telephone committee) received recognition for their work and a bouquet of flowers. Yetta Farber also received flowers and, both she and Phil were applauded for graciously hosting the social part of the workshops. Recognition in the form of thanks and commemorative plaques were accorded to Al Pachter and John Fahringer.

The coming year should be equally successful for the Village Players, and enjoyable for the Village. Don Pearlman is a professional actor with extensive knowledge of the theater. He enthusiastically commented, "We have great plans for the year. Good workshop ideas each month, and a top-notch play for the Fall." The January meeting was an example with Larry Sawyer and Dorothy Karlin in a "Potpourri" of comedy skits.

Village Players met Jan 22. It was a rousing send-off for the New Year and New Decade.

Players will meet Feb 15, 7:30 p.m. in the AR. The program will be "An evening with Esther." Our well-known and well-loved poet Esther Robbins will do a one-woman show of her own humorous and dramatic writings.

The meeting next month will be Thurs, Feb 22 at 10:30 in the MPR. Plans now are to have a Ceramic Show-and-Tell: What did you do in the past year? Some did a great many things and should show them off. Then in March the meeting will be on Thursday the 22nd, and the proposed program will also be a Show-and-Tell, this time by the "Plus" group of the Club, the Metal Enamellers. We may adjourn to the Ceramic Room for a working demonstration. You shouldn't miss this one.



By Madelyn McKean

Garden Club members and guests were treated to a beautiful two-screen color slide show: "Garden Flowers from Around the World" presented by Camarillans Dr. George Vannix and his daughter Dr. Linda Vannix. Newly installed co-presidents, Doris Kadish and Lucille White, presided at this first meeting of the new year on Jan 11.

Terry Craig, Superintendent of Maintenance for LV will talk about the problems of creating and



By Sam Weinstein

The new officers of the LV Camera Club presided at our meeting on Jan 3 after a very brief installation ceremony. Ex-President Sam Weinstein introduced the new slate and promptly turned the gavel and the meeting over to President-Elect Ed Pollaine. Ed took it in stride and conducted an excellent first meeting. Our other new officers are Sam Brown, VP, Sam Weinstein, Treas and Howard Cohenour, Sec; a position he is carrying over from 1989 with kudos from all for doing such a great job.

The priority topics which Pres Pollaine discussed were luncheon at Mercury Savings, to be held Feb 7 at 11:30 a.m. and the Field Trip to the Santa Barbara Zoo on Feb 28, leaving LV at 9:30 a.m.

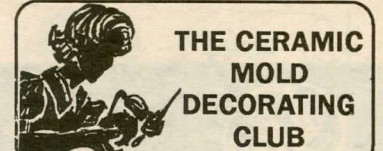
The Mercury Savings lunch will be followed with one of the finest treats available to us, THE ANNUAL EVENT which cognizant villagers look forward to; the professional nature movies pro-

duced by our own husband and wife cinematography team, Bob and Elaine Vanderhaven. Bob and Elaine will show and narrate, in their inimitable style, the films which they say are dearest to their hearts, "John Muir's Yosemite." The films feature the natural beauty and the flora and fauna of Yosemite in all seasons. Those familiar with the Vanderhaven's work know what a treat this will be. We urge all interested villagers to get their tickets as early as possible since this luncheon is always sold out. Tickets are still \$3 apiece and can be obtained by calling Marion Sevren at 482-5780.

The Field Trip to the Santa Barbara Zoo and the \$10 price includes round-trip bus fare and admission to the zoo. We expect to have a guided tour for our group and there is a snack bar at the zoo where refreshments may be purchased by those who choose not to brown-bag it. We will spend about four hours at the zoo and expect to be back at LV by 3:30 p.m.

This trip has been planned and arranged by VP Sam Brown, who will

See CAMERA Pg 19



By Ruth O'Neill

January found the members of the Ceramic Mold Decorators Club busy planning projects for the new year. Hearts, shamrocks, ducks, bunnies and other harbingers of spring have begun to make their appearance in the Ceramics Room. We invite any villager who is thinking about starting a new hobby to visit our workshop any Wednesday afternoon and see what can be accomplished with a little talent and lots of fun. Our club members will be happy to show how to create a lovely, useful article simply by taking a molded clay form, cleaning it and firing it in our LV kiln, painting and glazing it to individual taste and then giving it a final firing.

Our next monthly meeting will be on Feb 7, when we hope to see, fully recovered and back in circulation, all of our temporarily disabled members including Evelyn Durham, Eleanor Golly, Florence Neely and Bess Mast. To close on a happy note, best wishes to popular Velma Cade on her recently announced engagement.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

By June Case

The Spiritual Growth Group met at the home of Harriet Brown, 18140 V 18, during the month of January from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. each Tuesday. In February we will meet at the home of Dorothy Santrizos, 44017 V 44 and will continue the study "Harmony of the Gospels." Visitors are always welcome.

Please watch Ch 12 for current information or any changes or call Vi Shirk, Chm. 484-2389.



By Don Holmes

The Ceramic Plus Club had its annual January brunch with the theme being Happy Birthday to All. We may be starting a tradition of an All-Birthday Party, honoring birthdays of all members, since we don't know when most of them are. But a Birthday Party's a Birthday Party, and all had fun, with cake and other goodies, all low-calorie, low-cholesterol, of course.



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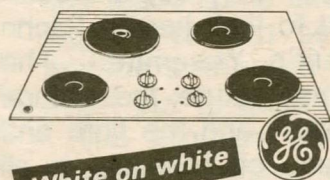
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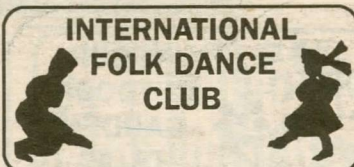
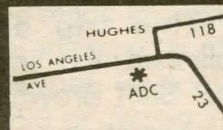
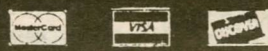
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By Florence Friedman
The eighth anniversary of the International Folk Dance Club and installation of new officers for 1990 were celebrated on Jan 8 in the AR.

New officers are Edna Rogers Pres, Bella Levy VP, Bea Rittenberg Secy, Esther Horovitz Treas. Friends and spouses were invited for an afternoon of dancing and hospitality.

We welcome new villagers and encourage you to join us. It is an easy way to get acquainted with other residents.

Dance times: Mon, 1:00-3:00 p.m., teaching and dancing; Wed, 9:00-10:30 a.m., review and new dances; Fri 9:00-10:30 a.m. continuous dancing.

Membership meeting is the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the AR.



By Cy Boynton
The Village Swingers enjoyed several excellent dances during the year-end holidays. We had a delicious potluck dinner dance on Dec 12, with excellent turkey and ham provided by the club, cooked and served up by Minna Hudson. The Dec 26 dance featured an excellent guest caller, Vern Wees, from Las Vegas, with rounds cued by Larry Warner, from Santa Maria. Minna Hudson and helpers provided excellent hors d'oeuvres, and the popping of champagne bottle corks signalled the start of a festive "after-party."

The year 1990 starts an exciting new decade. Our club started the year off right by inducting a new dancing couple, Fay and Arnold Rick, into the club as well as getting our first

glimpse of new square dance costumes being proposed for the club, plus new copies of the by-laws showing minor revisions which will soon be submitted to the membership for approval.

At the Jan 16 dance we enjoyed a treat from our regular caller, Bill Kramer, consisting of all singing calls, and at the Jan 23 dance we moved to the calling style of guest caller Lloyd Lewis, with rounds cued by Bill Burrier. Our Jan 30 dance will be a surprise event, so that is all I can say.

The monthly board meeting was conducted by presidents Al and Ruth Siegel, at the home of Harold and Suzanne Stern. Activities chairmen Saul and Rawza Kramer, presented their schedule for a variety of interesting dances planned for the next six months including a Saint Patrick's Day dance, a Mother's Day dance and a Mystery Bus Trip, to name a few.

Again — remember to watch Ch 12 for dates and themes of up-coming dances.



By Maury Ogens

With the celebration of both Christmas and New Year coinciding with our dancing evenings, Easy Squares had to remain dark the last two Sundays of '89.

On Dec 10, we enjoyed a wonderful potluck dinner. A beautifully decorated cake was brought by our outgoing Social Secretary Rita Leffler.

We were sorry to hear that our caller Paul Diefenderfer would be unable to call for the next five to six weeks because of a throat ailment. Fortunately, we have retained two fine callers to fill in during his absence: Gerri Somerton and Erv Parrish.

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gladly sell tickets to those who call him at 388-9030. Again, we urge those interested to purchase their tickets without delay since participation is limited to the number of seats on the bus. This promises to be a very pleasant change of pace trip which will give us all the opportunity to rubberneck and take pictures to our hearts content at a leisurely, relaxed pace.

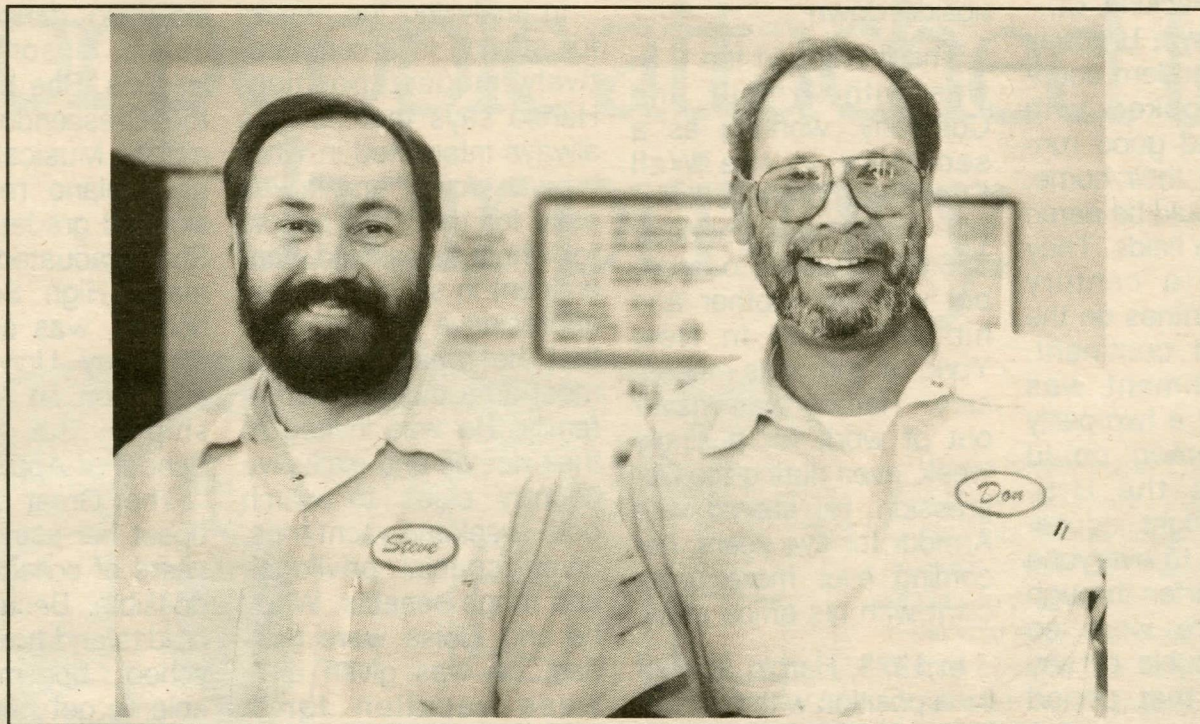
The meeting ended with our annual "My Best Shots" competition, judged by the Photographic Society of America District Representative, Jane Denny. Ms. Denny critiqued the 33 entry slides in her uniquely instructive, non-judgemental manner which turned out to be a constructive learning experience for all. The top 3 slides were tied at 26 points each and Ms. Denny had to select the first, second and third place winners from these.

Marion Sevren took first place with a great study of a palm tree detail; green fronds back-lit by a low sun which brought out the texture of the trunk in contrasting earth colors. A print of this winning slide will be hung in the Rec hall in February, for all to enjoy.

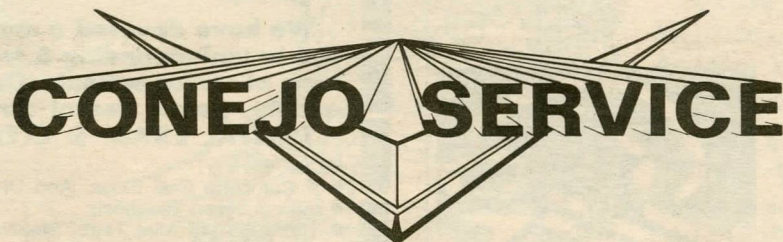
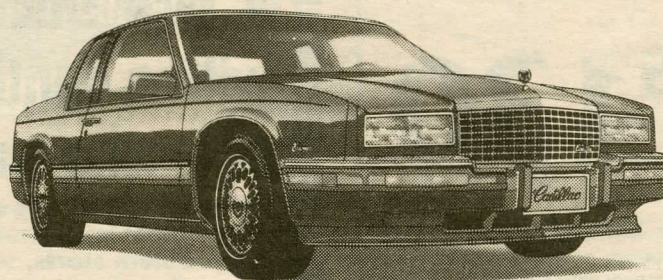
Marion also took second place with a moody, flatly lit beach scene featuring a curved walk and fence beyond the sandy reaches. This will be hung in the Rec Center hall as picture of the month in March since we will not have a competition in February because of the Mercury luncheon that month.

Ed Pollaine captured third place with a great shot of one of the most beautiful buildings in the world, the Taj Mahal in Agra, India. Ed has become one of our consistently high scorers and each of his four entries in the competition scored over 24 points.

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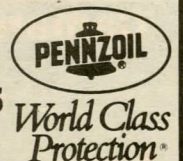
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PROFILE..... From Pg 10

American Academy, studying typing and shorthand. On occasion he helped in his father's store, between soccer matches, and held a job for a short time with Armour Meat Packing Co.

In those days, Uruguay was a very modern country. They cooked with electricity, had good running water in their home; vegetables could be eaten right from the fields. They were about a century ahead of countries on the West of the continent. Their government was elected under a two-party system, women could vote before the U.S. granted that right, education was free to everyone from kindergarten through college. There were no strikes or trouble of any kind during that period (1910-1920).

August 1920 — Harold and his mother were back in New York. His parents had separated, although

there was no divorce. Again, at his mother's direction, he enrolled in a business school, studying typing and Gregg shorthand. In a very short time he became so proficient with shorthand that he could read his notebook upside down.

The first job in the U.S. was with Armour and Company, working as a secretary in the Wall Street corporate offices. His salary was modest, \$36.00 a week to start, but with his mother and himself alone in New York, a job was necessary. Harold was never out of work for a single week, even during the Depression. He stayed with Armour for five years, becoming ever more proficient with his office skills.

In 1928, Harold applied for a position with Cadwalader, Wickersham, and Taft, a foremost law corporation in the country. He was hired as secretary to one of the senior part-

ners of the firm, Walbridge S. Taft, nephew of president Wm. Howard Taft. For twenty-five years he stayed with the firm, becoming knowledgeable with many aspects of the practice of law.

In analyzing the reason for staying in a comparatively modest position, Harold says that he was always interested in what he was doing, and it was easy for him. The people for whom he worked were eminent in society and so appreciative of his work that he was treated almost as a member of the family. He was invited to their homes and exclusive country clubs to watch polo, weekend yacht trips, given special privileges and fringe benefits. When he and Eloise were married, he was given a 7-week vacation for a honeymoon, and his remuneration was increased steadily.

Eloise Gill was born in Cleveland. Her father was

an artist and her mother the author of children's books and poetry. They moved to Long Island, New York, to a big home on a hill where Eloise and her sister could go to the Model School. They were given a cultural education including dance lessons, music lessons, French lessons. She belonged to the Crescendo Club (Jamaica Musical Society), gave piano recitals, and skipped grades in school. She graduated from Jamaica High School with honors, was accepted at Wellesley University and also won an art scholarship in the New York School of Applied Design.

The Great Depression upset her plans, and four years of college were not possible. Because of her credits and honors in high school, her mother was able to get her into Miss Dunbar's Finishing School, where mostly college graduate young women learned business skills. Because of six

terms of Latin, legal terminology was easy for Eloise, and she completed the two-year legal secretarial course in nine months. Keeping her goals high (as she really didn't care for office work), she accepted a few positions to keep up her practice and speed until she was hired by the prestigious law firm of Cadwalader, Wickersham, and Taft on Wall St.

Harold had learned to dance at Arthur Murray's. He had a number of partners, but when the pretty and popular blonde Miss Gill finally accepted a date with him, he found that she was also an excellent dancer. They married after a short courtship on July 28, 1938, and honeymooned in Bermuda.

In 1943, Wickham, on leave of absence from Cadwalader, Wickersham, and Taft, was a member of a diplomatic mission to South America sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Division of Cultural Relations. Because of his bilingual skills, his stenographic expertise and his travel experience, he became translator, recording secretary, tour guide, and treasurer for a six-week trip accompanying top executives of six major U.S. publishing companies.

Their itinerary included Mexico City, every country in Central America, Panama, Colombia, Peru, Chile, Paraguay, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil and other stops for rest and refueling their plane. They met top officials of the countries they visited, conferred with newspaper publishers, libraries, publishing houses, etc.

Harold was able to look up several school friends from the British School days in Montevideo, happy to learn of their successes and accomplishments. He located his father, who had moved to Rio de Janeiro — their last visit before his father's death in 1950.

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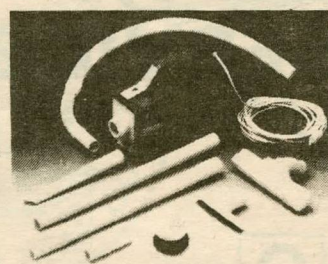
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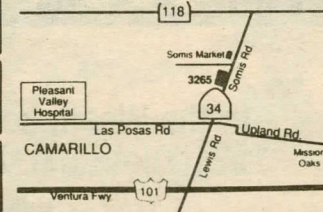
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PROFILE.....From Pg 20

Harold had regretted his parents' separation, but always felt that his mother had acted correctly.

Wickham remained with the C.W. & T. law firm until 1953. His old boss Mr. Taft had died, and he wished a change. Through friends he was offered a position with the Melville Shoe Corporation who needed his knowledge of law as well as his secretarial skills. His main accomplishment was to set up corporations for each of the 140 Thom McAn Shoe outlets located in every state.

He held a position on all the boards of directors, prepared agenda for yearly meetings, and was Assistant Secretary of the Melville Corp. which became a conglomerate as time passed. Retirement at age 65 as compulsory, but Harold left with honors from the company and many friends.

Harold and Eloise have one son, Ron, born in 1944, a precocious lad who now lives in Foster City, Ca., an executive of Xerox Corp. He and his wife have two children.

Harold has had a number of hobbies. There was the dancing; he was an avid chess player; he collected stamps.

Photography occupied a major part of his free time. He got his first little box camera in Montevideo about 1912. He went to a photographic school in New York where he received diplomas in Portrait and Commercial Photography. At one time he had seven cameras ranging from a small 35 mm camera to a large portrait camera with a foot-long lens.

He was the kind of individual who would plan his pictures and be willing to wait several hours for the sun to reach just the right spot to capture the effect he wanted on film. When he and Eloise moved to Garden City on Long Island, he built a dark room

in his basement and developed, enlarged, printed and touched up his films. His products were of such high quality that they were exhibited from time to time in various museums all over the country. Eastman Kodak bought some of his prints for their advertising.

He wrote some articles for publication describing innovations he had developed. After fifty or sixty years of concentrated photography, however, he doesn't even take a camera on his trips.

Travel — Harold's parents were itinerants. Harold traveled with them from infancy all over the U.S., then Uruguay, and back and forth from S.A. to the U.S. During his working career, he traveled as much as time permitted.

Eloise had also taken a number of trips on her own before they were married. Upon retirement, they visited 47 states and Canada in a VW Camp-

mobile, and since coming to LV have switched to cruises which have taken them to Europe, the Mediterranean, Orient, etc.

On a recent trip to South America, Harold was able to show Eloise scenes of his childhood in Buenos Aires and Montevideo. In Brazil, Harold's Spanish enabled his group to enjoy a much expanded tour, as the guide responded happily to Harold's questions.

There has always been music. The Wickhams had a mid-size grand piano in New York, and part of their regular recreation included driving to Tanglewood to hear the Boston Symphony concerts.

They have a collection of 450 recordings, mostly classical, which are organized, indexed and cross-indexed by composer, composition, musician, instrument, etc., reflecting orderly skills in a business office.

Harold taught himself to play the organ since com-

ing to LV and he now has a Lowery Theater organ in his home. Harold has a routine on cruises they take. As soon as possible after embarking, Harold tours the ship to locate all the pianos aboard. Then, whenever an area is free, he plays for his own pleasure, and for the amusement of other passengers and ship personnel. He has been invited to perform with ship's orchestras, and he has played for talent shows.

Tennis became important after Harold's retirement. He had always loved the game as a spectator, having watched many big matches at Forest Hills, etc. There were several parks on Long Island that gave free tennis lessons, so Harold bicycled around the Island having a tennis lesson every day with his favorite instructor. He became quite proficient playing matches with much younger players, and extended his game to year-round by playing on an indoor clay

court in winter. He played actively until about three years ago.

Eloise and he also took golf lessons and enjoyed that activity as well.

The Wickhams came to Camarillo in 1978 after quite a bit of exploratory traveling. Climate and the opportunity to play tennis seem to have been the determining factors for their choice.

Harold's schedule usually involves bicycling to the Recreation Center very early in the morning where he plays the organ until some other group requires the room, then he has a Jacuzzi.

Meeting people is easy, and he usually brightens the day of everyone he meets with a joke, for another of Harold's hobbies is telling amusing stories. He does not disclose his source other than a phenomenal memory, but those who know him esteem the talent and character of this gentle joker who has such joy in life.

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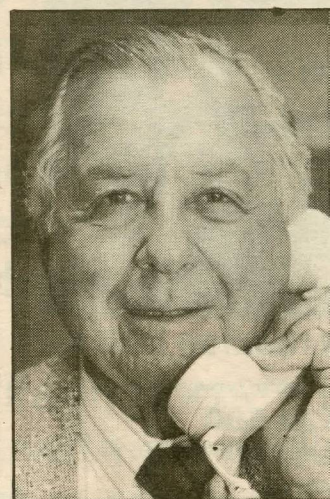
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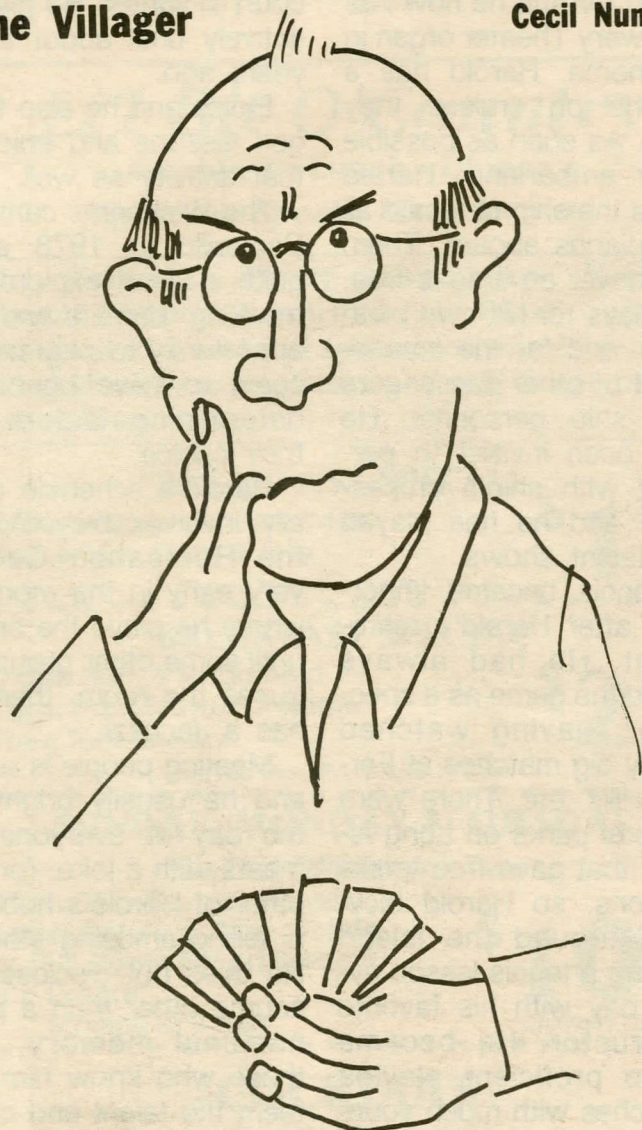
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By Mary Kovach

The three Love Round Dance Classes were back on track on Sun, Jan 7, after "being dark" for the holidays and the New Year. Our recent workshop showed that we did not have our minds on dancing during the interim. However, the new Easy Round-of-the-Month, a swinging "Love for Two" number, and the waltz "Lili Marlene" for the "A" class seemed not particularly difficult, and we now feel that we're back in the groove.

We are experiencing a sad time in our club this month, due to the untimely death on Christmas Eve of Vivian Warner, wife and dance partner of Larry Warner, our cuer from Santa Maria. She had been active in many square and round dance

groups for a number of years. She will be sorely missed not only for her contribution to our Round Dance classes, but for her lovely smile, and the skill and talent she had in making her beautiful dance dresses and matching shirts for Larry.

As always, Leisure Villagers are welcome to watch our sessions on Sunday mornings in the AR, or at 7:30 p.m. and between tips at the Swingers Square Dance on Tuesday evenings. Happy Dancing!

Cans Can Contribute

The Channelaires Sweet Adelines have been invited to give a concert in Carnegie Hall this spring. They are collecting aluminum cans to help finance the trip to New York. Empty cans may be dropped off at Piff DeSimone's, 11232 V. 11.



**SATURDAY
NIGHT
BALLROOM
DANCE**

By Anne Janoff

The first Saturday Night Ballroom Dance of the new year, 1990 was on Jan 13, hosted by Yale and Elle Lewine and Staley and Betty Carpenter. On Jan 27, Lois Kissinger and Henry Heller will be hosts.

Dancing from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. in the AR. Admission only fifty cents per person. Coffee, tea, punch and ice are available refreshments. BYOB.

Our Valentine's Dance will be on Feb 10 with Al and Georgette Slater and Ned and Rosalie Volan hosting. On this evening, all you sweethearts and romantics are invited to hold hands while dancing "cheek to cheek" to tunes dear to your hearts played by top bands recorded on tape.

The following dance will be on Feb 24 when Steve and Ethel Belanger and Budd and Draza Samuel will host. Mark these dates on your calendar for evenings of pleasant sociability and enjoyable dancing. We welcome new villagers and encourage you to join us.

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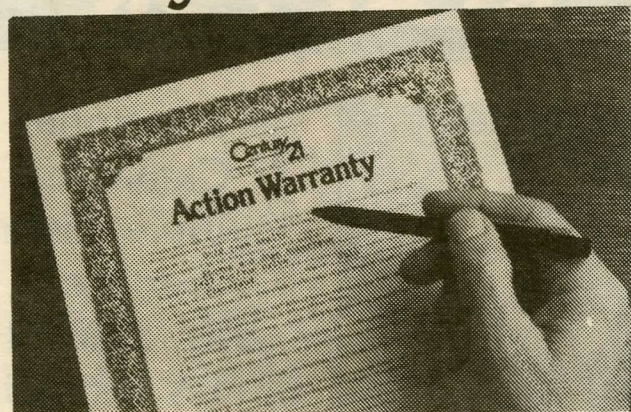
By Evelyn McKay

Dance Workshop is now in full swing after a brief holiday vacation. We're all glad to be back to our dance routines which may help us shed some of the extra pounds gained during the holidays.

Annual dues of \$1.00 are now payable and members are reminded to renew their membership.

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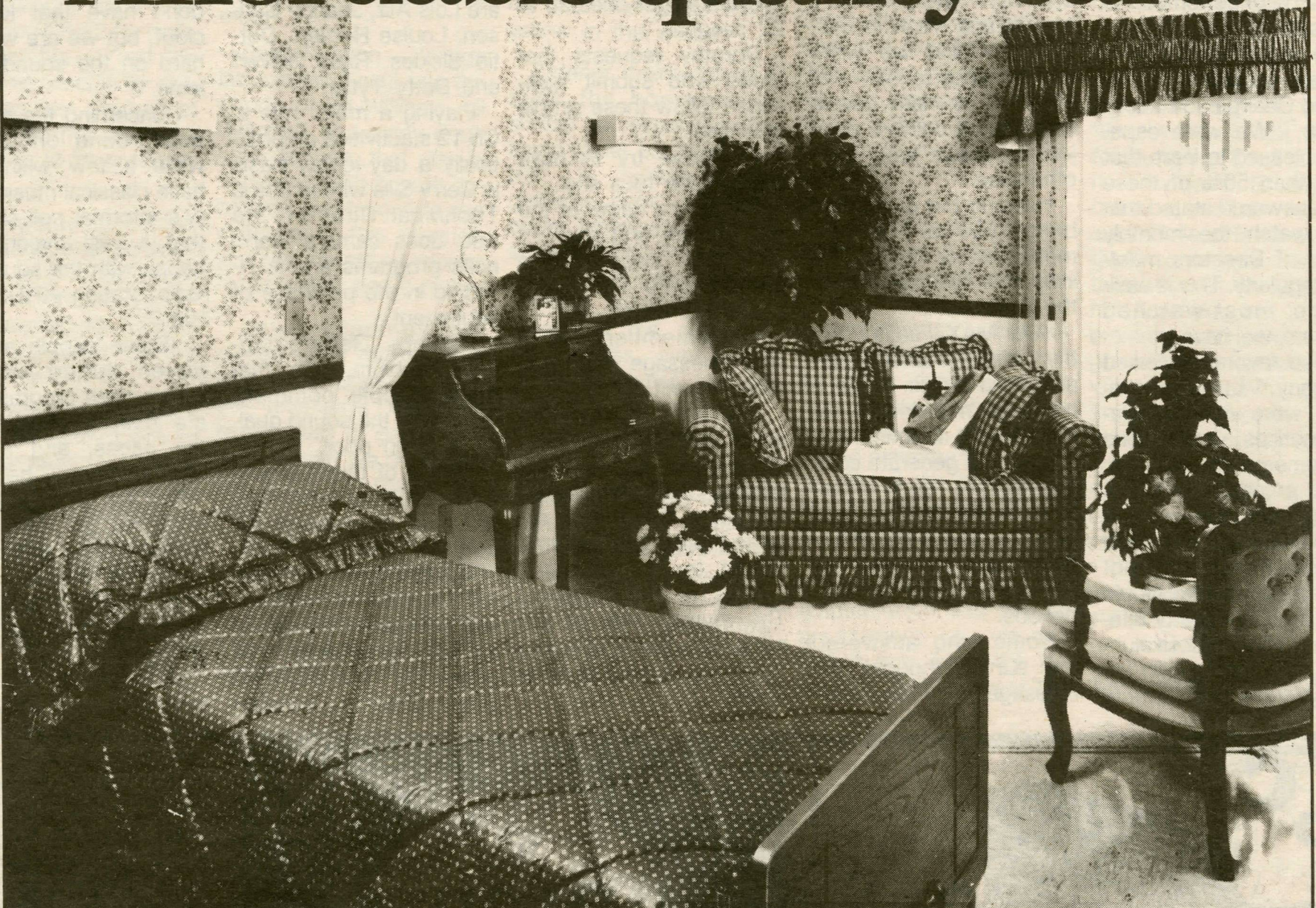
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Channel 12 Answers Questions From Survey

By Jack Whalen

Some 650 villagers, which represent more than 25% of all homes, responded to Ch 12's detailed questionnaire sent out last summer.

Said Chairperson Luella Kelwin, "We were especially pleased to learn that more than 50% of those who answered stated that they watch the monthly Board of Directors meetings regularly. This is easily the most-watched program we have."

"Also favorably viewed by many," Luella continued, "were vital Association notices, instructions and emergency bulletins. While entertainment, assembly room shows, current issues, debates and political events did not rate as high as we would have liked, it's pretty difficult for a handful of volunteers to compete with the major networks, cable

systems and video shows."

"We believe," she concluded, "people were honest and frank in their answers and we were mighty happy to learn that 15 times as many people said we are doing a good job as those who think otherwise."

Heading the group that brings you all the daily messages, or "pages," is long-time volunteer Dorothy Konecko.

"Our MAX," says Dorothy, "is a character generator, or in simpler terms, a message machine. While it does have its limitations, it is able to generate color characters and titles. Russ Sievert is the master behind many of the splendid images you'll see, especially during holiday periods."

Some who answered the survey thought the messages ran too short,

some too long. How does she determine the length of time?

"I program each message four times," Dorothy Konecko answers. "The shorter messages will run from 12 to 15 seconds and the longer ones 20 to 22 seconds."

Dorothy requests that those who submit messages follow these simple guidelines:

1. Please try to have one phrase to a line.
2. Get the name of the club on the first line.
3. The second line should give the time, place and hour.
4. Remember that a short message often has more impact.

She likes to keep the entire "run" to from 12 to 15 minutes and to help people locate specific information, they should refer to the Ch 12 Programs insert in the monthly "Voice of the Village." The reverse side of the program lists the sequence for specific events.

"Since we have 50 or more listings daily and there is a constant need to delete or add pages, we need at least one person each day to work on MAX," she said. "Among those who give their time are Lois Atz, Jeanne Carlson, Louise Herbert, Dottie Sickles, Russ Sievert and Betty Tytler."

Playing a major role in Ch 12's activities on practically a day-to-day basis is Gerry Sills whose title is Technical Director. He also does camera work, edits programs and is involved in the purchase of equipment.

Perhaps Gerry's biggest problem, one that many people comment on, is why the sound quality is often poor.

"Many of those annoying sounds our equipment picks up are beyond our control," he responds. "Recently Southern California Edison made a short documentary here in LV and determined that pumps of the Camrosa Water District, sending

water to the tanks, caused sound disturbances."

Adds Gerry with a smile, "SCE was able to have them stop the pumps for a period of time during filming. Alas, we don't have that kind of clout, but we are working hard on the sound problems."

Concerning the musical background on Ch 12, while a few wish we'd have classical music, Gerry's informal poll showed that a vast majority are happy with the sounds of radio station KRUZ, FM 103.3.

"Some people are annoyed during morning hours when programmers are making changes on the pages, and I can't blame them," he said. "That will change shortly since our old MAX is being retro-fitted and by early spring there will no longer be interruption of the pages during program changes."

While the Ch 12 room is manned only part of the time, people who wish to offer suggestions or complaints may call Ch 12's recording machine at 482-8062 after 3:00 p.m. That is also the Travel Committee's number, and you can ask them to ring Ch 12 for you. Your message will be answered promptly, usually within a day.

"There's some good news to report too," said Gerry, "Thanks to generous contributions by both the Women's Club and Yom Kippur, we will soon be buying some new equipment that should make for improved viewing and fewer technical difficulties."

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Tribute To A Humanitarian

By Sol Robin

Marcel Lerner of Camarillo B'nai B'rith Lodge has just added another laurel to his collection of awards. He was presented with the coveted Alfred L. Perper Award by Norman Simon, Exec. Director of District Four. The award was given in recognition of Marcel's outstanding community volunteer service.

Originally from Vienna, Marcel came to the United States following the Nazi occupation of his homeland. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was decorated with the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Marcel retired in 1980 and moved to LV with his wife Esther after a successful career in sales management. He has served as President of the B'nai B'rith Camarillo Lodge for two terms. He is a member of the Ma-



Photo by Stabler

Marcel Lerner

sons and the Shriners. He is a Life Member of the City of Hope and a Life Member of AMC Cancer Research.

Marcel also serves on the Ventura County Affirmative Action Advisory Committee, a position to which he was appointed by Supervisor Maggie Erickson. He is an active member of Seasons — a

branch of Tri-Tec, which sends senior citizen speakers from LV to schools throughout Ventura County to address students on various subjects of interest. He has frequently lectured to many adult groups on the dangers of racism and anti-Semitism.

Here in LV, Marcel has appeared in plays spon-

sored by the Village Players. He has performed at the Camarillo Airport Community Theater in such noteworthy plays as "Sunshine Boys" and "Nuts."

This is how he sums up his philosophy of life: Every good person has a moral obligation to give the best that is in him to the betterment of the community. The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for people of good-will to do nothing.

In case of earthquake, remember that flying glass is one of the most likely hazards to your safety. Only your sliding patio doors are likely to be of shatterproof glass.

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Contributed by Connie Andrews from "Tot Toggery"

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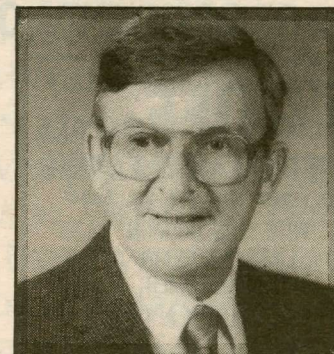
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By Lillian Wallace

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For her, what comes after?

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Where future hopes abound -
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And all will know the sound.

Years of bondage will be gone,
With thoughts that time will bring -
A simple life of gentle times,
And they'll hear children sing.



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RACQUET
CLUB

By Ann Solomon

The Racquet Club's wine and cheese party was a fun way to end the year. John Russo held a short meeting. Token gifts were given to his staff — Sylvia Phillips, Herb Warneke and Gene Bookwalter. Also honored were photographers Rosalie Miller, Anne Wolfson and Bob Novick. Let us not forget Sunshine gal, Zo Simmons; phone callers led by Louise Ralph and refreshments by Anne Wolfson.

"If Ever You Should Need Me," words Lorraine Friedman, piano accompaniment Woolf Phillips, was sung by John Russo to our new president, Max Farber.

Trophies were awarded to the President's Cup winners — paddle, Lorraine Friedman/Russ Lo-

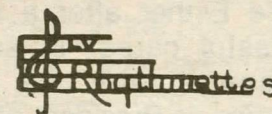
mask and tennis, George Nolte/Al Defusco. Their names are also engraved on the master trophy which is on display in the rec center.

Ellis King and Sol Miller's names were omitted as paddle tennis winners for November.

While every one enjoyed the wine, cheese, veggie decorated trees, cakes honoring John Russo's 84th birthday and Rose and Sam Woronow's 9th anniversary, Bob Novick recorded a tape with messages of good cheer from all to be sent to Al August.

Calories plus: let's see you all on the courts to work them off.

HAPPY NEW YEAR.



By Margaret Hines

The Rhythmettes, as of this writing, are looking for a volunteer pianist, lady or man, who would enjoy playing a variety of tunes with us. We meet every Tuesday at 12:45 p.m. in the AR. Should we be so fortunate as to have several willing accompanists, they might prefer sharing, so that they would play once or twice a month. We would be happy with whatever time can be given to us. Of course, a permanent, every week accompanist would make us very happy. Please call Piff De Simone 482-8414.

The Rhythmettes will have their annual dinner-dance Feb 9. The dinner will be catered. The menu will be: fruit and green salads, chicken casserole, rolls, dessert, coffee or tea, BYOB. Conversation time, 5:30 p.m.; dinner, 6:00 p.m. Tickets \$7.00. Call Isabel Torchia at 484-3084. Villagers may join us.

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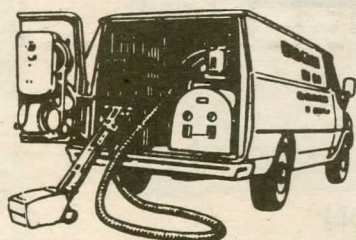
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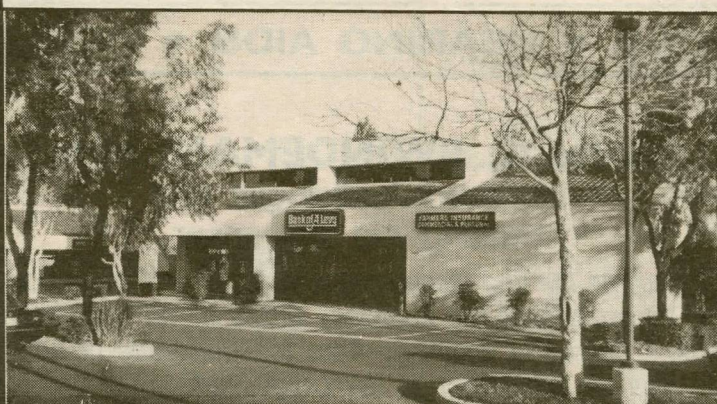
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By Vi Cohen

The Happy Hoofers ended 1989 on a high note, performing at City Hall park for the "Save the Children" cause on Dec 3, and at Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club in Ventura on Dec 21. We are starting 1990 with enthusiasm, and that good old go-get 'em attitude.

The one major grievous event was the untimely

passing of our lovely Rowena Mettler. There never was a more dedicated Happy Hooper. Rowena never missed a practice session, and we all relaxed, knowing that the tapes were in her capable hands. She is sorely missed, as Doris Siegel, our president, so eloquently expressed at the services held for Rowena.

How fortunate for us, Sid Siegel (Doris' significant other) has taken over the running of our tapes. He has our everlasting gratitude.

MONEY..... From Pg 4 /Keep It

The complete schedule for workshops is:

Feb 6: Taking Charge: What You Own and What You Owe

Feb 13: Money Management Planning: Spending Money Wisely

Feb 20: Banking: Where to Keep Your Money and Credit: What It Is ... How to Get It/Use It-

Feb 27: Women and Insurance: Protecting Yourself and What You Own

Mar 6: Deciding What If...Social Security and Other Public Benefits Programs

Mar 13: Investments and Taxes: Opportunities and Alternatives

Mar 20: Wills, Probate and Legal Matters Requiring Attorney Review

Mother Nature

By George H. Adams

I'm in love with Mother Nature
Her turbulence and her calm.
Her pesky dandelion
Her tall and stately palm.
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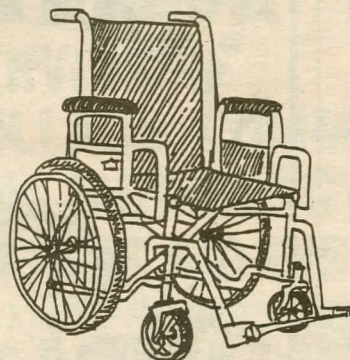
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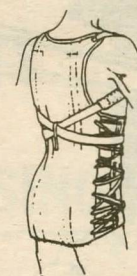
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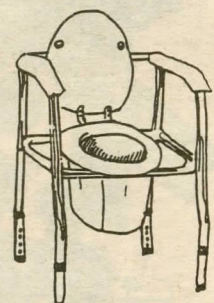
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-Anon.

LETTERS From Pg 9

By best friend died January 12.

The devastation and loss is horrendous - but the warmth and love that came from all our many friends, the L.V. Exercise Group and the ORT Organization, has made me realize that I am not really "alone" and Lou's passing is as much a loss for many who loved him.

I know Lou is looking down and too is saying thank you for the immediate outpour of support you have given me.

Thank you. I love you all.

Marian Tamkin, V 24

Editors Appreciated

Have to be formal with this communication since I mean very sincerely to thank you for your diligence, your sense of fairness, your perseverance in producing a well written Village newspaper. I am sure that there have been

moments when "throwing in the towel" crossed your minds. People are so glib in criticism and slow to contribute. Thank you for carrying on and giving all of us such interesting reading month after month. You are appreciated!

Florence Krueger, V 13

C'mon Folks, Do It Right

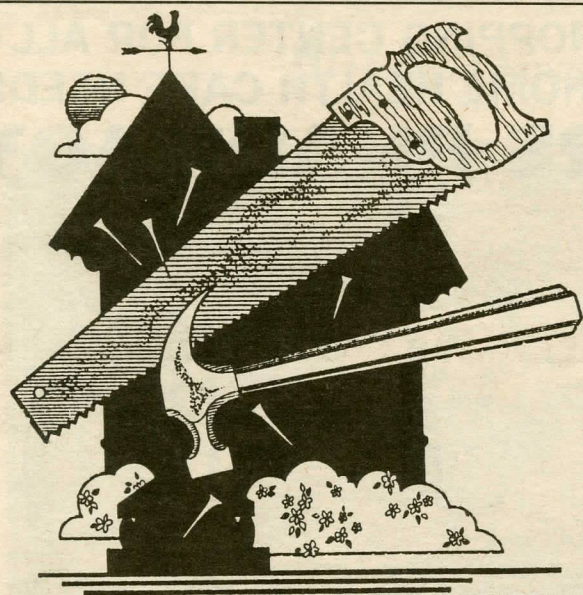
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Attention to easy details will save the ILV staff time, and you will more likely find your story in print. Thank you.

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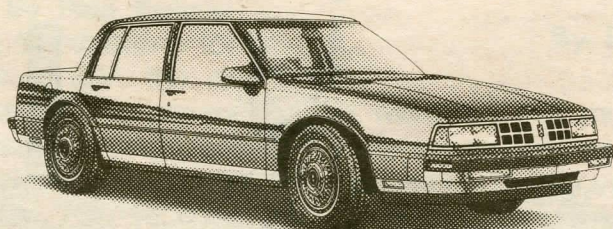
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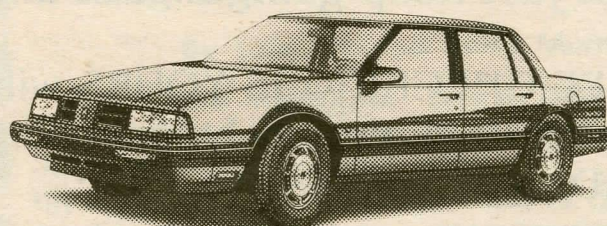
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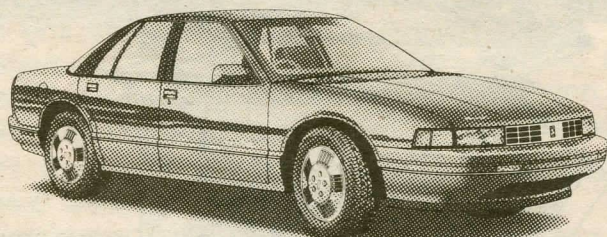
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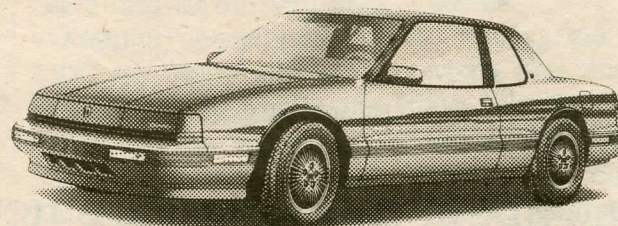


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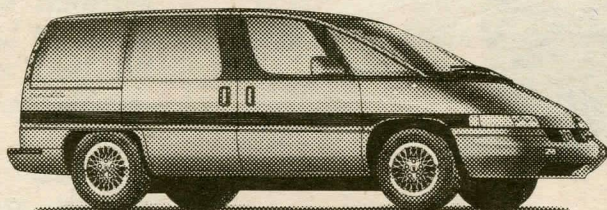
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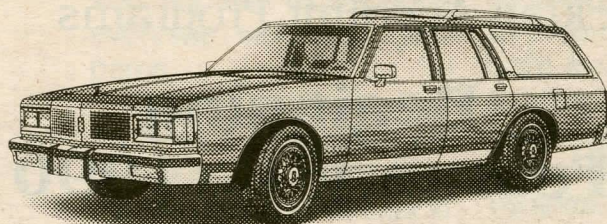


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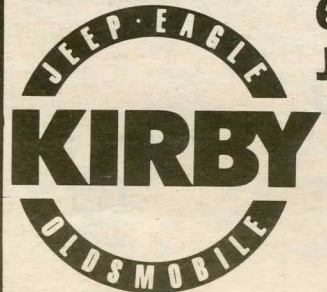
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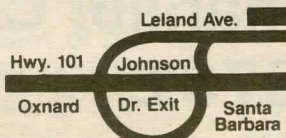


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