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## THE MAN WHO PUT KING KONG IN HIS PLACE

By Millicent Hofmann

Mario Larrinaga was born in Baja, Calif., and as a small boy, would go to Guaymas and sit on the shore, drawing boats. The family moved to Tucson, Arizona, and there at the age of 10, Mario entered school and learned to speak English. His spelling and reading books, still in his possession, are completely covered with cartoons and drawings.

At the ripe old age of 16, he worked as an apprentice in a scenic studio mixing paint with the fancy title of "Pot Boy." His first job in a movie studio was at Universal, painting bricks on a wall. Eventually, he signed a contract and took part in the progress made in sound, color and special effects achieving the reputation of being one of the best scenic artists in the country. During his career he worked with directors Cecil B. De Mille and Douglas Fairbanks.

Mario's work on the original set of King Kong produced a legend. If you are interested, he can tell you how to perch an oversized gorilla on top of the Empire State Building!

His mural of Marco Polo making an offering to Kublai Khan is the focal point in the Marco Polo Room of Manhattan's Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Lowell Thomas commissioned him to do the visual prologues for the Seven Wonders of the World, the cineramic paintings of which were hung in Thomas's office.

He spent 35 years working with all the major studios in Hollywood, as a scenic set designer, art director, and head of special effects departments. He also received recognition as an illustrator for the Saturday Evening Post, Vanity Fair, and Harper's Bazaar.

In his early 20's, Mario briefly attended the Chouinard School of Art in L.A. Incidentally, his wife, Isabelle, married to him since 1919, was a young ballerina, working for Mack Sennett, when she met him. They lived next door to each other and Isabelle's mother was instrumental in bringing them together. After an extensive motor trip in 1951, the Larrinagas decided that Taos, New Mexico, was the ideal place for an artist to work and express his own ideas in paint, so they moved there and consequently, Taos was the inspiration for many of his paintings. His numerous one man shows have been held in Taos, Santa Fe, Phoenix, Tucson and other cities, and his paintings are on display in museums and private collections all over the United States.

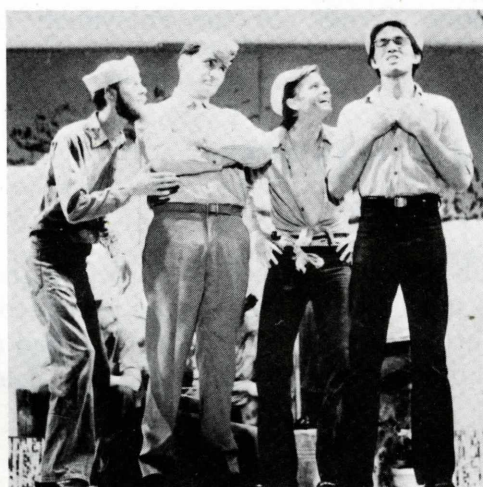
His credo—"To have his paintings exemplify gentleness, beauty and love."

As a new resident in our Village, we're hopeful Mario will find inspiration in some of our local scenic splendor to add to his famed collection of artistic representations of areas where he has lived.



MARIO LARRINAGA HAS SET up his studio in his new home at LV and adds a few final touches.

The September 1976 edition of the well known magazine, "Southwest Art" features a detailed, beautifully illustrated write-up about Mario, and most of the information given here was taken from this source.



**SOUTH PACIFIC**  
*Seebees and Lt. Barnes kept the audience spell-bound with their rhetoric and song.*



**JANE KIMBALL & TOM O'MARA** sing "Some Enchanted Evening".

## LIVE THEATRE AT L.V.

"South Pacific" was presented by the Horizon Players (a non-profit theatre group of Simi Valley) at Leisure Village on February 5 and 6. Producer for the performance was Lil Heimowitz of Village 13.

"Kiss Me Kate" is the next production the Horizon Players will do at Leisure Village, tentatively slated for early summer.

The Horizon Players have been an organized small theatre group for 11 years. They found their beginning in an ice-skating rink, went from one school to another, on to a warehouse and finally to their current small theatre location. Lil began with the playhouse selling tickets in the box office during the production of "Kiss Me Kate". She has since served as secretary, treasurer, manager and now as producer.

Allen and Lil moved to Leisure Village in February of 1976. Lil is currently enrolled in the Leisure Village autobiography class and in the Writers Workshop. She still finds time to work on a play she is writing and to serve as Secretary to the Public Services Committee. Allen retired in 1974 as a chef and still puts his culinary techniques to good use as he chefs for LV's July 4 BBQ and Men's Club Pancake Breakfast. The "South Pacific" cast members and their guests also had the pleasure of witnessing his abilities as Allan treated them to an "after the show" dinner celebration—a banquet prepared by the chef himself!

Together, the Heimowitz' enjoy golf and boast of being grandparents to one special little girl!

## KING KONG - continued

Mario sums up his career in his humble and casual manner by saying: "God has given me a talent which has made it possible for me to enjoy a wonderful life, to provide for my family, and to live among the beauties of my adopted country".

Interesting addenda to the King Kong story — Had occasion to discuss it recently with a young friend, Professor Joe Moore (son-in-law of new residents Larry and Esther Sawyer), who teaches Biology at Calif. University at Northridge.

In his classroom, the Professor was talking about a pre-historic reptile and as an illustration, referred to the one shown in the original King Kong movie. Mentioned to his students that he had admired Fay Wray, the beloved of King Kong, so much that he went to see the film many times. Much to his surprise and delight, a student raised her hand and told him that Fay Wray was her mother!



LEARNING IS ACHIEVING AND  
ACHIEVING IS PART OF  
THE VILLAGERS DAY!

The Homeowners have shown an extraordinary enthusiasm for returning to the classroom. The scholarly students thrive on classes in autobiographical writing, Spanish, Money Management and Principles of Nutrition & Organic Cooking.

The less academic courses offer Tai Chi (the study of Oriental exercises & dance movements) an opportunity to learn subjects seldom taught. Also rewarding are classes in lapidary (the art of cutting, polishing & setting rocks), china painting and arts and crafts.

The Leisure Village Homeowners Association has been able to secure the services of an exceptional group of instructors for the classes and offers instruction in 13 different fields of study.

Learning, exploring and achieving in new courses are all a vital part of the total program offered to residents of Leisure Village.

It is with great pride that residents display their achievements in the atrium showcases of the Recreation Center for the enjoyment of everyone!

BOCCE ROUND-UP

By Mario Di Biase

The Leisure Village Bocce Club program, which went before the board of directors last month, was unanimously approved as presented. With a well-spaced schedule of tournaments for 1977, the Club had a good start. Listed below are the winners of the singles tournament held January 19 and 20.

- First Place ..... Maurice Kasner
- Second Place..... Rubin Greenberg
- Third Place ..... John Loesch
- Fourth Place ..... Yours truly, Mario

Trophies were presented at the Installation Luncheon held at Don the Beach Comber's Restaurant—165 members attended and a good time was had by all!

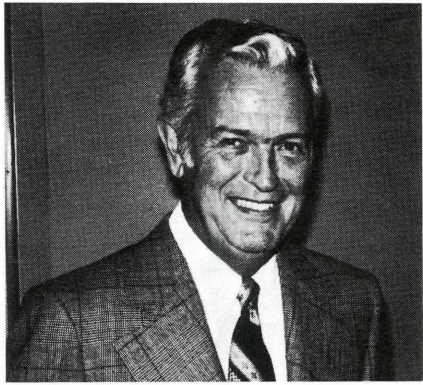
Our first tournament of the Lone Boccer Game had forty participating. First and second place trophies went to Mario Di Biase and John Jamerino, respectively. The ladies' winners were Edith Dowsing and Thora Carr.

The men's and ladies' tournament of March 2 (56 total participants in teams of two) gave the winning cup to Mario Di Biase and teammate Richard Behman. Ray Fencil and partner John McMillian took the second place award.

The ladies' winning teams were Dorothy Fencil and Orpha Hughes, with Cil Sonnenberg and Marjorie Peet taking second. Trophies for the Lone Boccer tournament and the team tournament were presented at our first get-acquainted Boccers party of March 5.

I see more and more residents, new and old, seriously playing Bocce and I know from what I see that we will have a busy year at the Bocce Courts.

Arrivederci, at the Bocce Courts!!



FROM THE  
SALES MANAGER

by Bob Dull,  
General Sales Manager

Tooting your horn is usually limited to the members of the brass section of a band, but since I have about as much musical ability as a "flea-bitten" hound dog, I must resort to a different media.

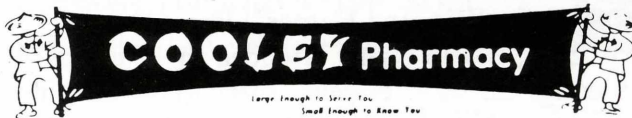
March 31st marked the conclusion of our fiscal year at Leisure Village, and while your sales counselors are looking a bit bedraggled and tired these days, they are also exhibiting larger smiles that reflect their happiness in their sales accomplishments during the past year. It not only was a "Good Year"...it was by far our "Best Year".

But all that glitters is not gold. By accomplishing our job, we have created an additional load on our construction department. They've got to build the new homes at the same pace we have been selling them. So I'd like to take these few lines to thank them for a fantastic job to get our buyers in by the time we had promised them occupancy. We are very sympathetic with the frustrations to which they have been exposed. However, we have been on the other side of the fence wherein construction was pushing for more sales in order for them to maintain their schedules. Personally, I'd rather the situation be what it is today...pushing construction for accelerated production schedules. However, we in the sales division, wish to take this opportunity to extend a big "Thank You" to our associates in construction. You've done a great job for us!

So forgive us for feeling a little proud, and likewise "Tooting our Horn". In fact, you residents are entitled to do a lot of "tooting" on your horns since you were a large factor in helping us realize our sales goal. If we could get each of you who has brought friends, or family, in to purchase to show up with your horn, we'd have quite a large orchestra of "tooters"...and a whale of a lot of noise.

Thanks again.

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## THE CHATTER BOX

by Millicent Hofmann

Hi Neighbors!

Aren't we the lucky ones! While the rest of the country shivered and was fenced in by mountainous snows, we Villagers basked in a summertime sun. All around us vegetation was making merry—mistaking January and February for July and August. In the vegetable patches, giant cabbages shot up brazenly, luscious strawberries peeked out from under delicate foliage, flowers prematurely flashed their colorful radiance—all in glorious defiance of the woeful threat of shortages to come!

Life goes on—the Village expands all around us—and nice things keep happening like:

The Rhythmette Potluck Dinner for the performers in the "Roarin' Twenties" coming mid-May and the cast of last season's highly successful "Gay Nineties Review". Great turnout and such delicious dishes!! Tasted an intriguing "Kibby"—the Lebanese National dish concocted by Ed Abdenour of Village 15. And yes, the recipe is available! Affair enlivened, of course, by the Rhythmettes "doing their thing".

A little bit of religion never hurt anyone, so a "Know Your Church Day" was conducted on a recent Sunday in the Assembly Hall. Good conversation with the Sky Pilots of the various faiths, combined with generous refreshments, made this a stimulating "Sunday Go to Meeting Day" for the enthusiastic gathering. This evangelical event was brought about and coordinated by Dr. Wales Smith.

Thanks to the efforts of Villager Rudy Eis, residents were treated to an outstanding piano recital by keyboard artist, Edward Frances, of Thousand Oaks. Included were works of Beethoven, Ravel and Schumann. A profound experience for music lovers—your loss if you missed it!

The Bocce Club Installation Luncheon was held at Don the Beachcomber's—a great success because everybody enjoyed the abundant Polynesian Buffet, plus the surroundings—so conducive to conducting a festive installation and displaying the trophies to be awarded to tournament winners. Mario Di Biase was installed for his second term as Bocce Club President. This club not only glorifies the game, but also provides pleasurable social gatherings like the recent record dance, with cake and coffee provided by Flo Di Biase and her squad of helpers.

Masonry has its Fling! The Village Masons sponsored a buffet supper, inviting all resident Masons and their friends to join them. The "grapevine" reported it was a great success. Guest speaker—Judge Burt M. Henson, of the Ventura Municipal Court.

Party People...

Bill and Blanche Follen gave a big bash for about 60 guests in the Multi-Purpose Room—with a sizable representation from our sparkling "younger set". Delicious edibles and potables stimulated some real "hep" chit-chat. Good hosting, Follens!

Sylvia and Abe Plann partied folks in honor of Abe's sister, Rose Carlino, visiting here from Denver.

A farewell party was given by Minnie Fierstein for her sister, Dorothy Kavkea and husband, before their departure homeward. It developed into a songfest, strains of which must have resounded through the Village. Lustiest singer, Jack Crosby—sometimess with Limey accent, sometimes with Scottish burr.

Incidentally, Jack and wife Jessica recently had visitors from France—a charming non-English speaking young couple, Michelle and George Gallati who were obviously delighted to "parlez-vous" with stray Villagers struggling to dig up a few high school French Bon Mots!

Another adventure in good eating—deliciously interesting Armenian fare at Haig and Helen Ayanian's, with Vi and Ed Haley sharing the festive board.

Verdery and Dick Van Horn held their cocktail party in the Women's Club Room. Good thinking—it provided lots of elbow room for the many guests who partook zestfully of the bounties provided by their gracious hosts. Lucky Leisure Village to have Dick as a member of the Board of Directors. Time, effort, deep concentration and complete dedication to the good and welfare of our community—that's what he personifies!

L. A. Bagel King, Gerald Banchik and wife, Shirley, of Village 4, had visitors from New York—his sister Anne and niece, Sheila Ellis. Their enjoyment of our Paradise was magnified by the blue skies and warm sunshine they basked in while here.

Joyful tidings! Elaine and Paul Sopko happily announced their attendance at the marriage of their daughter, Jeanne, to native Californian, Brent Mathews, in beautiful Carmel. Elaine is the enthusiastic, efficient president of the L.V. Women's Golf Club.

Church members attending the Sweetheart Banquet at the 100 year old Pleasant Valley Baptist Church elected our Adele and Chet Young "Sweethearts of 1977".

GLOBE TROTTERS...

Teo and Stephanie Kamola travelled extensively through Europe—absent from the Village about three months—and delighted to be home again.

George and Jeannette Mustaparta back from lengthy stay in Malaysia—where they visited their daughter.

Travel bugs, Irving and Sylvia Feldman, on the go again! This time to Rome, Florence, Venice and New York. Itchy feet or cabin fever?

Florence and Art Kruger attended the "Organ Extravaganza" in Phoenix, Arizona, and came home to find, waiting on their doorstep, daughter with her family, on their way home to Minn. from Hawaii.

Arlene and Walter Patterson and John and Kay Rawlings went to Rancho Buena Vista Fishing Ranch in Baja for some marlin fishing—they had excellent luck (that is, the men did)—the ladies rested and nibbled the time away!

And now, meet your neighbors in The Village Who's Who...

Did you know that we have living in our Village some high echelon Army Brass—Col. James Long and Lt. Col. Bill Telfer. While chatting with Col. Long, I learned that he was commissioned at a 1st Lieutenant in the Horse Cavalry back in 1925. In 1938, he was detailed in Panama as aide to the General in Panama Canal Department. He served in both South Africa and the European Theatre in WWII, commanding mechanized cavalry. He also spent time with Intelligence, Counter-Intelligence and the OSS.

Col. Long retired from the Army in 1948—than started a candy flavor business in Chicago—more lucrative and interesting than the Army, he says. His wife, Marjorie, was in the Real Estate business and he claims she was far more successful than he! His collection of cameras from the War Department is his most prized possession—next in line, one gathers from his comments, is his new home in Village 4. The pleasure of such peace and tranquility after a hectic military career, overwhelms him.

During an evening promenade along Village Drive, met a friendly affable gentleman and his wife walking a small brown dog. Talked a while and learned they were Lieut. Col. Bill and Mrs. Roeba Telfer. His engaging personality and warmth led to a discussion of his Army career, which started in the A.E.F. in WWI, when he was eighteen. He had enlisted in the old Horse Cavalry; then, by an act of Congress, the 21st Cavalry was changed to the 79th Field Artillery and there he remained. Then he returned to college, got a Reserve Commission in 1927 and was ordered back to active duty from 1933 to 1936—and again—in 1941. He became a Plans and Training Officer in a big training regiment at Camp Roberts. Was a Major at that time—then was promoted to Lieut. Colonel, his present rank, in August 1942. He served in the European Theatre during both wars. Interesting reminiscence—he and Jimmy Doolittle enlisted at the same time.

I noticed one thing in particular about my Army Brass acquaintances—a certain amiable twinkle in their eyes that contradicts their dignified military facades!

While on the subject of military brass... Pioneer Villagers Walter and Fern Rue had the extreme pleasure of a visit from their son, Colonel Norman Rue, of the General Staff, U.S.A. (Pentagon based) and his wife, Nancy. If you thought Walter and Fern were beaming more than usual—that's why!

Newcomers in Village 16... Ailsa and William Muldoon, who came to us from Palos Verdes. Bill, an electronics engineer, has been associated with Hughes Air-Craft and is still doing part-time consulting there. He is a sailing aficionado and has trophies to prove his prowess.

As for Ailsa, she is a free-lance amateur writer who has had short stories and newspaper articles published—also wrote children's scripts for TV; specifically for the award winning program "Faith of Our Children". She did two years of public relations for El Camino College—is past president of the "SURF WRITERS". Also a trained musician, Ailsa has been a long-time member of LOS CANCIONEROS (The Singers) and the South Bay Mixed Voice Choral. Her Irish harp is her most prized possession and she has often performed singing Irish songs and accompanying herself on the harp. Ailsa, born in Donegal (Ireland, of course), arrived on our shores when she was eleven. Good luck in your new home, Colleen, and "May the Road Rise to Meet You and the Wind Always be at Your Back!"

INFORMATION PLEASE!!

If you'd like to bare an interesting (to others) past, drop a thumbnail item about yourself in the LOBBY BOX, in an envelope marked for the "CHATTER BOX" and perhaps one day you will see yourself in the VILLAGER. With our population explosion, it becomes necessary for "THE MOUNTAIN TO COME TO MOHAMMED" occasionally!!

And now, Villagers, hear this —

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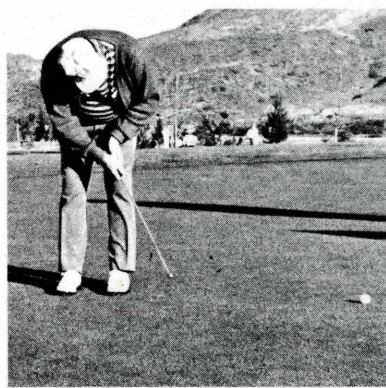
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On his and not M. H.'s name!

Happy Spring-into-Summertime!

And Ciao, for now!





## SPORTS STUFF

By Al Podewils

Because of numerous other activities, the Leisure Village shuffleboard courts have not been used as extensively as such a fine facility deserves. The need was for a couple of human fire-crackers to convince the residents that golf, bocce, bowling, tennis, biking, swimming, gardening classes, dancing, billiards, hiking, traveling and a dozen other things did leave room for another pastime.

The two fire-crackers who did the promoting and convincing were Bill Lancaster and John Wesley who are now co-presidents of a fast growing Leisure Village Shuffleboard Club. The club is already a member of the Ventura County Association.

Many of the shuffleboard addicts have seen the Leisure Village facilities as guests and are anxious to get more familiar with the twelve well-designed courts — probably the best in the county. Many of the residents have had shuffling experience in other communities from which they have been lured by LV's life-style, so the quality of play will likely be high from the start. The Villagers have already made a start toward intra-village competition which could become serious but, hopefully, not too brutal.

Other officers appointed to serve, until regular elections are held, are Blanche Follen, Secretary; Uiva Richards, Treasurer; Tom and Coralee Lewis, Membership Chairmen; Katie Anderson, Social Chairman; and Walter Smuske and Tom O'Brien, Tournament Directors.

A resort community must have resort facilities and first on the list of requirements is probably a pool and jacuzzi—and LV has the best. The huge heated swimming pool gives the residents an attraction which they appreciate and of which they take full advantage. Well-attended Swim-and-Trim Classes—on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for women and on Tuesday and Thursday for men—are conducted by Marie Klein, supervisor of all pool activities. Marie (who looks like a kid but insists that she's not) has been swimming since she was two and spent her life teaching children as young as 18 months, training the handicapped and, especially, helping those with an unnatural fear of water overcome their phobia.

Besides bathers, bobbbers and waders, there are real swimmers who do Olympic-sized things in

the Olympic-sized pool. Kids like Lou Spring and his child bride, Hannah, swim about 35 laps every morning all year round and every evening, too. Lou and Hannah are members of the Pushy-Pool Penguins, informally organized to take part in the Red Cross Swim and Stay Fit program. They record their swimming distances by the quarter-mile. Among others who have covered a lot of water are Bodil Faulkner, Helen Esty, Art Duerrstein, Don and Ruth Jay, John Shinn, Jack Gaffney, Andy and Nana Kehoe, and a father and daughter rivalry that has Bob and Karen Glass running evenly so far.

Between plunges, discussions of today's problems are held around the deck tables and time flies on flippered feet (on winged fins?).

Notes on other no-room-for events: Bowling—Angie Newman set a new ladies' high game with a 224. Frank Mainwaring had a 229. Golf—Three men now have two holes-in-one each. They are Gordon Venting, Bill Howell and Nick De Simone. Can it be that easy? Bocce—Meetings must now be held in the Assembly Room because membership has grown so large. Billiards—Ed Weber still hard to beat but the opposition is practicing. Tennis—Courts busy with men, women, singles, doubles. I saw three playing one the other day. It seemed to be running even.

This is an adult community but certainly not a dull one or a tired one!!



## Leisure Village Stamp Club

By Iola T. Podewils

Do you yearn to be a philatelist? Join the Leisure Village Stamp Club which meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month in the Men's Club Room. All Villagers are welcome. Starting time is 7:30 p.m.

The Stamp Club is honored to announce a course in "Fundamentals of Stamp Collecting". The course is free and will include the following:

- April 5: *Preparation of the Stamps*
- May 3: *Classification of the Stamps*
- June 7: *Mounting and Evaluating Your Collection*
- July 5: *Exhibiting Your Collection*
- July 19: *Exhibition of Member's Collections*

Previous meetings covered *Origin of Postage Stamps* and *What and How to Collect*.

Each session will include a discussion of the main topic, demonstrations, and a question and answer period. Our own Noah Norman will be the commentator for this course.

Packets of mixed stamps are given to all who attend the meetings.

## RHYTHMETTES

By Iola T. Podewils

The Rhythmettes (our own Kitchenband), meet every Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the Assembly Room of the Recreation Center. Membership is open to all women in the Village who enjoy rhythm, song and a good time. Come join and learn to play a really different kind of musical instrument.

Recently, the Rhythmettes entertained members of the Golf Club at their 19th Hole Party on February 27th.

Musical Director: Edith Ferrer.

## Leisure Village Vignettes

Sunrise through the mist  
O'er creviced green foothills  
Heralds a new day.

A welcome shower —  
The crystal sheen of raindrops  
Coats green belt areas.

Cool, brisk breezes  
Enliven sunshiny days,  
Enhance evenings.

Sunset afterglow —  
Indigo, scarlet, saffron  
Fade to palest mauve.

By Iola T. Podewils

## BONES TO YOU

Someone has said that there are four kinds of "Bones" in every organization.

There are Wishbones who spend their time wishing someone else would do the work.

There are the Jawbones who do all the talking but very little else.

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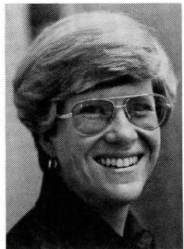
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## RECREATION CENTER

by Mary Murphy

Who would believe that the Assembly Room would be "swinging" every Tuesday afternoon? It's true, because the Rhythmettes (Leisure Village's Kitchen Band) are at it again. This time (twenty-three scadoo and vo-dee-o-do), they're rehearsing for the "Roaring Twenties Revue"; the second in hopefully a long series of talent shows. This one will be produced in May 14 and will star, as before, the Village's finest talent. I've been told what the show holds in store...but I can't tell because it's a surprise. All I CAN tell you is, don't miss the beginning...it's a real grabber. You'll see a lot of familiar faces from the Gay Nineties show and many new ones as well.

On April 22, the Village will be treated to a special "Evening of Ballet" performed on the Assembly Room stage by the Cabrillo Ballet Company. May 8 is Mother's Day and we're celebrating with a Champagne Brunch. You're encouraged to invite your families to join us.

Gamblers of the Village...PREPARE YOURSELVES! Las Vegas Night is fast approaching. On June 4, the Assembly Room will be magically transformed into a gambling casino complete with professional equipment (crap tables, blackjack, roulette, etc.), and not so professional dealers (Leisure Village employees). Since we use only play money, it's not the den of iniquity it appears to be. We'll have our usual no-host bar and some goodies to nibble.

And...through the months, the Villagers dance, dance, dance—with a dance once a month featuring a local combo and at least two dances a month with our fine taped music.

The aim of your Recreation Department is variety...in the special events, in programs and in the class schedule. New classes are continuously being added. After Easter we'll offer a class in stained glass; and we're negotiating for a seminar on "How to Take Better Pictures" for our camera buffs. The ongoing classes are listed under "Weekly Activities" in this paper.

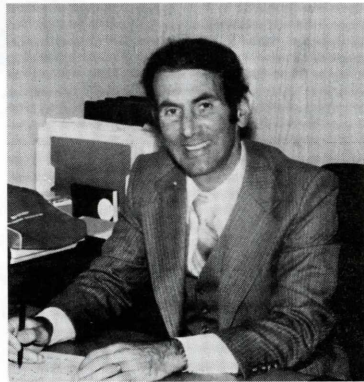
All of the activities in the Recreation Center are planned for YOU and at the risk of repeating ourselves...we welcome your participation in all the activities and your suggestions for new programs.

### VILLAGERS TO ATTEND CONCERT

The Annual Youth Symphony Benefit Concert will be held April 24 at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. Villagers have enjoyed this symphony in the past and they plan to attend again this year to help support the talented symphony members as they endeavor to maintain their highest musical potential.

Music Director and Conductor of the American Youth Symphony is Mehli Mehta, Director of the Orchestra Department of UCLA. The annual benefit concert features a world-famous soloist and is organized by the American Youth Symphony Affiliates, a group of ladies dedicated to the orchestra's welfare.

Plan to join us by reserving your place on the bus for an evening you'll not forget!



## From Your Homeowners Association

by Stan Berman

As our Village grows it is increasingly important that we remind ourselves of the architectural guidelines established in order to maintain continuity and the pleasing aesthetics we enjoy today. The cooperation of the Villagers has been excellent and for this the members of the Architectural Committee and your Association Board, thank you. We are most appreciative of the time you have taken to follow the step-by-step procedure.

Our policy applies to anyone considering an exterior alteration or addition to their home. Your Association Office can supply you with the details and required permit forms. Interior alterations that will affect the exterior appearance in any way, must go through this procedure.

If everyone follows this procedure, you will protect your investments and be assured that Leisure Village will continue to be a community of which we are all proud.

### SPRING FOR A SWIM

I arrived at poolside with camera in hand, sweater over my shoulders, braving the overcast cool morning that had been chosen to award Louis and Hannah Spring the National Red Cross plaque making them members of the "50 mile plus club" for swimmers of the "Swim and Stay Fit Program". There they were, sunning and ready for "another" swim!

The Springs arrive at the pool by seven o'clock every morning for a quarter-mile swim. Louis has logged 1250 miles, Hannah 650. Swimming is a way of life for them and has been for some forty years. Louis began each day with a half-mile swim in his two acre pond in Spring Valley, New York. "Swimming is the greatest exercise in the world" said Louis, "it makes every muscle move."

The Springs moved to California in 1966 and took up residency in Leisure Village two years ago. They enjoy LV for more than the swimming pool, as they are also very active in the Bocce Club and enjoy golf.

Louis and Hannah Spring have inspired many other Villagers to take to the water for the "most all-around" exercise. Villagers have become competitive in logging mileage and they strive for complete physical fitness. Their compensation, of course, is the California tan, and that they flaunt!



A RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVE presents plaques to Louis & Hannah Spring as Mary Murphy of the LV Association looks on.

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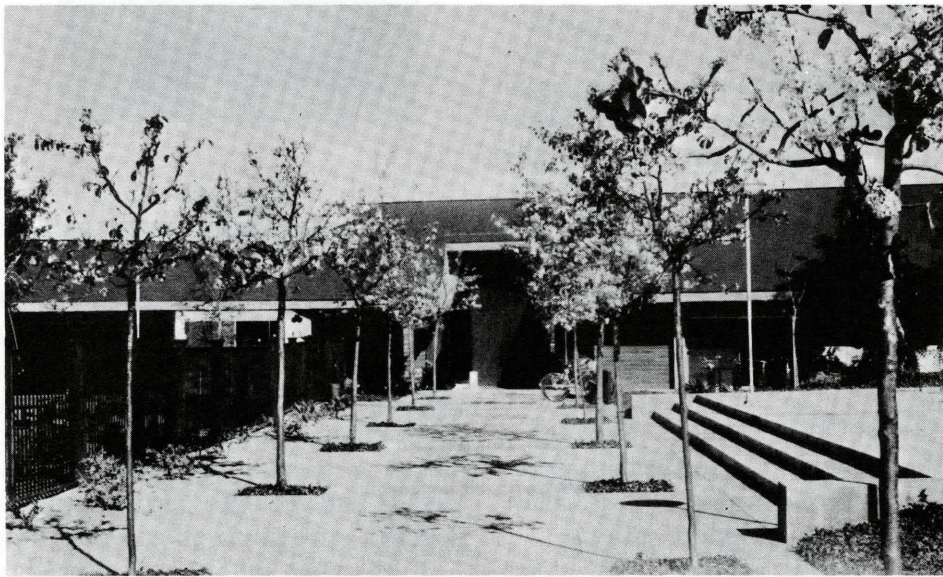
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# AROUND THE VILLAGE



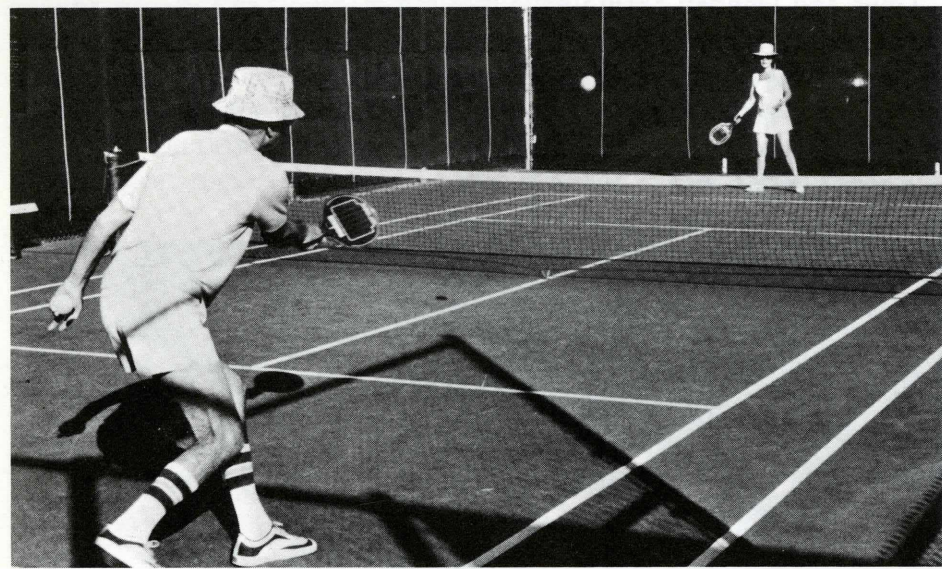
*California sun in February is enough to confuse any blossom, but the Ornamental Pear Trees that line the walk from our Recreation Center are a beautiful introduction for Spring!*



*Bob Dull, left, gives Ray and Dorothy Fencil of Village 7 a check for a trip to Hawaii they won during our 3rd Anniversary contest. Bon Voyage to the Fencil's from all of us!*



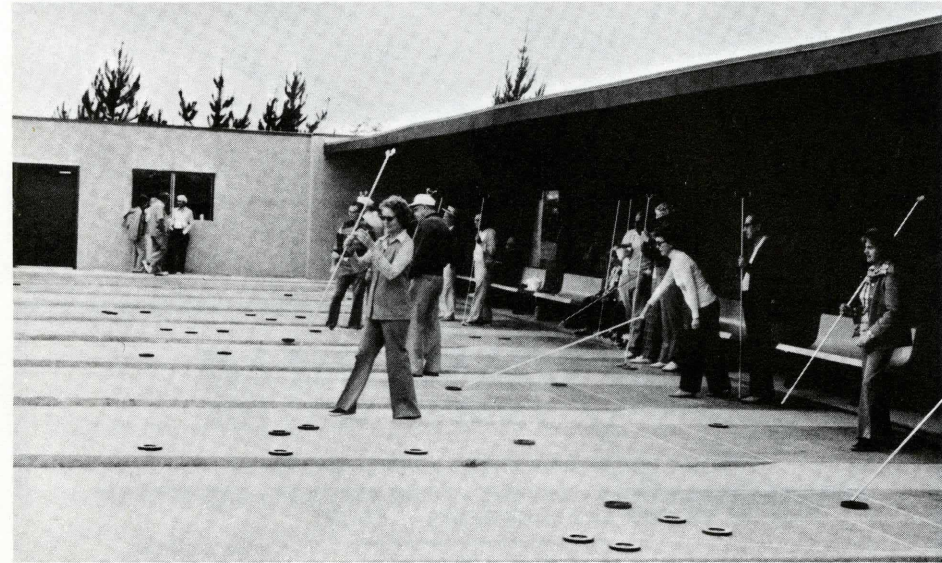
*Judge Burt Henson, center, Ventura Municipal Court Judge, spoke to the first Leisure Village Masons meeting held in our Assembly Hall Feb. 7.*



*Spring is the highlight of a tennis player's year and the Village tennis buffs are no exception. Whether it be on the paddle tennis courts or on regulation tennis courts, they're real enthusiasts.*



*Mario Di Biase congratulates Herb Newman at the Bocce Installation and Awards luncheon held at Don the Beachcomber Restaurant.*



*Shuffleboard enthusiasts are "doing their thing" and enjoying every minute of it.*



*John Shinn, Cal Calfee, Carroll Richards, and Ben Cazier are teamed up and ready for a Tuesday morning tournament.*



NEW NEIGHBORS

The following people have purchased homes in Leisure Village since our last issue of the "Villager". WELCOME!

- Alexander  
Altes  
Anderson  
Aronowitz  
Barker  
Barlow  
Barrette  
Barry  
Bierbaum  
Birzis  
Bolten  
Braslau  
Brown  
Buccieri  
Buege  
Cannara  
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Coleman  
Collier  
Coyne  
De Groat  
Dempsey  
Drell  
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Herzog  
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Jackler  
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Jensen  
Jesshope  
Johnston  
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King  
Kohon  
Klein  
Kornblatt  
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Law  
Lester  
Lightfoot  
Lipscher  
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Lomask  
Lyle  
Mc Donald  
Mc Gowen  
Mc Kay  
Mc Kee  
Mc Manus  
Mackerras  
Maier  
Maitland  
Meyer  
Miller  
Morgan  
Morris  
Mortensen

Donald and Virginia  
Morris and Sylvia  
Lillian  
Sol and Mary  
Elizabeth  
Ronald and Zoe  
Kenneth and Gladys  
Norma  
Bernice  
Lucy  
Howard and Genevieve  
George and Betty  
Ivanelle  
John and Esther  
Karen  
Alexander and Adele  
Lloyd and Chloe  
Lloyd and Ellen  
Earl and Catherine  
Walter and Lucile  
Genevieve  
Janet  
Isadore and Rose  
Harold and Sylvia  
Alexander and Rosalie  
Henry and Frances  
Viola  
Peter and Martha  
Jessie  
William and Irma  
Gordon and Eleanor  
Harold and Mary  
Sidney and Shirley  
Aaron and Evelyn  
Ethel  
Morris and Lillian  
George and Sylvia  
Nancy  
Evelyn  
Floyd and Viola  
Gary and Elizabeth  
John and Vironica  
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Ruth  
Donald and Melanie  
Warren and Helen  
Corydon and Florence  
Edward and Elizabeth  
Patrice  
Nellie  
Edward and Elizabeth  
Gordon and Bette  
Clifford and Virginia  
Florence  
Tavia  
Harold and Rosella  
Ellis and Farrell  
George and Evelyn  
Ardis  
Jean  
James and Magdalene  
Philip and Mary  
Roy and Beulah  
Mary Elizabeth  
Walter and Yolán  
Alfred and Alberta  
Russell and Mildred  
Milton and Mary  
Richard and Margaret  
Frances O.  
Richard  
Ruth Marie  
Earl and Velma  
J. Craig and Barbara  
Henry and Cynthia  
Dick and Dorothy  
Louis and Evelyn  
Richard and Elsie  
William and Yvonne  
Francis and Ruth  
Enoch

Anchorage, Alaska  
Topanga  
Westlake  
Woodland Hills  
Los Angeles  
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Glendale  
Van Nuys  
Miami, Florida  
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Santa Monica  
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North Hollywood  
Beverly Hills  
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Oakview  
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Vic  
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David and Esther  
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Loanie  
John and Molly  
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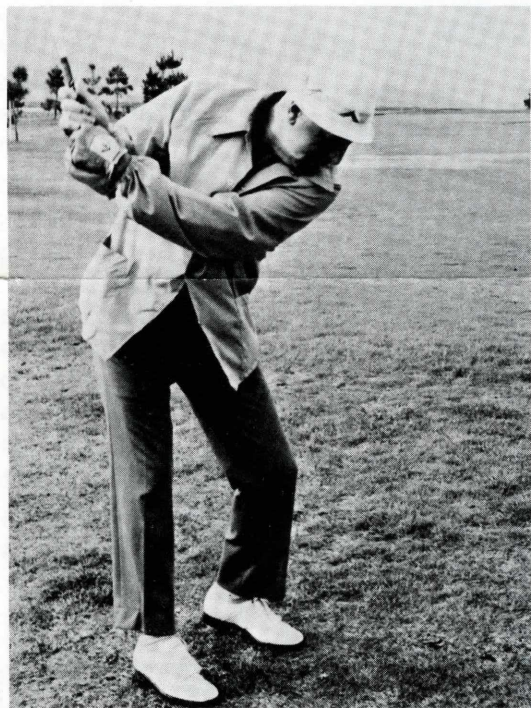
## Women's and Men's Golf Association

By Alma Locke, Secretary

Where can you have more companionship, sociability, fun games and parties than being an active member of the Leisure Village Men's or Women's Golf Association?

These groups are separate associations but work constantly together under the excellent leadership of Elaine Sopko and Harvey Shirk, presidents of the associations for the 1976-77 period. (Our year running from July 1 to June 30 of the following year.) With the help of their fine officers, golfers are working to make this a year to be remembered.

ELAINE SOPKO,  
President of  
Women's Golf Association



HARVEY SHIRK,  
President of  
Men's Golf Association

What do you feel like ladies? For those of you with lots of energy, there is the 18 hole group and for you with less energy or even less time, there is the 9 hole group.

The course belongs to the men each Tuesday morning, 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon, while Wednesday morning it's the ladies turn. Women club members meet after golf the second Wednesday each month in the Women's Club Room for our business meeting which is preceeded by sharing a sandwich, fruit and coffee luncheon, and of course, social time! The men hold their monthly meeting the evening of the second Tuesday of each month in the multi-purpose room.

For you men who really want to show off your long, long drives, Walt Whitaker arranges long golf once a month at a neighboring course in Ventura County, while Peg Jensen makes the same arrangements for our women who really like the exercise on a long course also.

The men have their "Hole-in-One" club. How fast their honor trophy is being filled. The gals can boast the name of Arlene Patterson on our trophy. So please, see what you new gals can do to help us get Arlene a companion.

Here is just a peek backwards at the events of this year. The women's year really started the last of June with a beautiful Installation Luncheon at the Westlake Inn where the trophies were awarded the lucky winners of 1975-76.

The mixed doubles are a delight. Here is where a man and woman team up as partners in groups of eight (this is to accommodate as many as possible on the course) with a shot-gun start, scotch twosome or best ball. Many times there are surprise hazards on the course for our inconvenience.

These matches are always followed by a hearty barbecue or picnic lunch. It is here where we find out who the lucky winners are. The men have been entertaining the women golfers in this manner three times a year and we have reciprocated in the same fashion. Our Sweethearts buffet

luncheon in February boasted 110 members at the Colonial House in Oxnard for a happy social hour and excellent food. Leave it to Gen and John Wesley to come up with plans of "PERFECTION".

The ladies have three major tournaments during the year—2 match plays, the President's and Club Championship—while the men have three match plays and a club tournament. Of course, the second Tuesday of each month, the men hold a monthly tournament while the women's is held on the last Wednesday of each month. Some months special events are held for ladies' day, such as the famous Turkey Shoot. What's better than winning your Thanksgiving turkey? Since we can't all be winners, we can at least "WISH". We even have a chance at the Ham Shoot just before Easter.

Our neighbors, Camarillo Springs Ladies golf group, have invited us twice a year for a golf match on their long course which, in turn, we reciprocated here. The gals come early for donuts and coffee, a shotgun tournament of some fun game, followed by a luncheon.

Ah! The Christmas dinner dance was most outstanding. What a festive occasion—with all members in their finery, the halls decked with holly and Christmas decorations by Cora Lee Lewis and her excellent committee. During Happy Hour, we were greatly honored by Piff and Nick DeSimon's daughter (a professional organist from Boston) who provided us with music. After the sit-down roast beef dinner, everyone danced to Frank Umbro's Orchestra.

The climax of each month is grand. The last Sunday morning is a mixed doubles nine hole tournament of regular golf followed by the 19th Hole Party in our lovely assembly room. This is a treat, for everyone brings their special hors d'oeuvres to share and our own Jack East and his helpers tend the no-host bar. Also, many special entertainment programs have been staged along with the awards.

Plans are now being formulated for our third annual Pancake Breakfast under the leadership of Christie and Jack East. This has expanded each year and we hope to serve 750 people this year in our assembly room—serving from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon. All you can eat for a small donation! The men show off their culinary skills while the women ably tend tables.

Time flies so fast here at Leisure Village that it is hard to realize it's drawing toward election time for 1977-78 officers. We are ahead of them though, for plans are already in the mill for a lovely joint installation at our 19th Hole Party in June.

To all of you new neighbors and you future neighbors who will be joining us as Villagers, may we extend to you a special invitation to join our associations and the fellowship we enjoy.

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TENZER CALLS FOR  
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ASSISTANCE TO  
COUNTERACT NEW  
HOME PRICE  
INCREASES

Dallas, Texas (January 25, 1977)—New home sales prices are continuing their rapid rise nationally, in effect eliminating nearly 75 percent of all American families from purchasing new homes.

Results of a study conducted for Leisure Technology Corp., national housing producer and planned adult community developer, indicates that the average new home constructed in 1976 sold for \$47,700 and required an income of \$21,200 per year in order to qualify a would-be buyer.

The survey, prepared from U.S. Department of Commerce statistics and other data by Los Angeles based Building Research Consultants, Inc. points to a trend that not only produces disappointment for potential buyers, but also has caused much concern among home builders.

“Just 10 years ago, in 1967, some 44 percent of U.S. families could qualify to purchase new housing, and today that figure is down to just 25.7 percent,” explained Michael L. Tenzer, president and chief executive officer of Leisure Technology Corp., now developing retirement communities in California, Florida, Illinois, New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

“Many of the increased costs are in areas in which the builder can exercise little control,” said Tenzer. “Land and development costs are up nearly 65 percent in the past five years, and environmental concerns and no-growth restrictions have added about \$2,300 to the price of a \$40,000 home.

“Material costs are also up approximately 11 percent in the past 12 months, and labor has edged eight percent upward in the same period. And in each of these areas the builder is really unable to reduce expenses. The result, of course, is a higher selling price.”

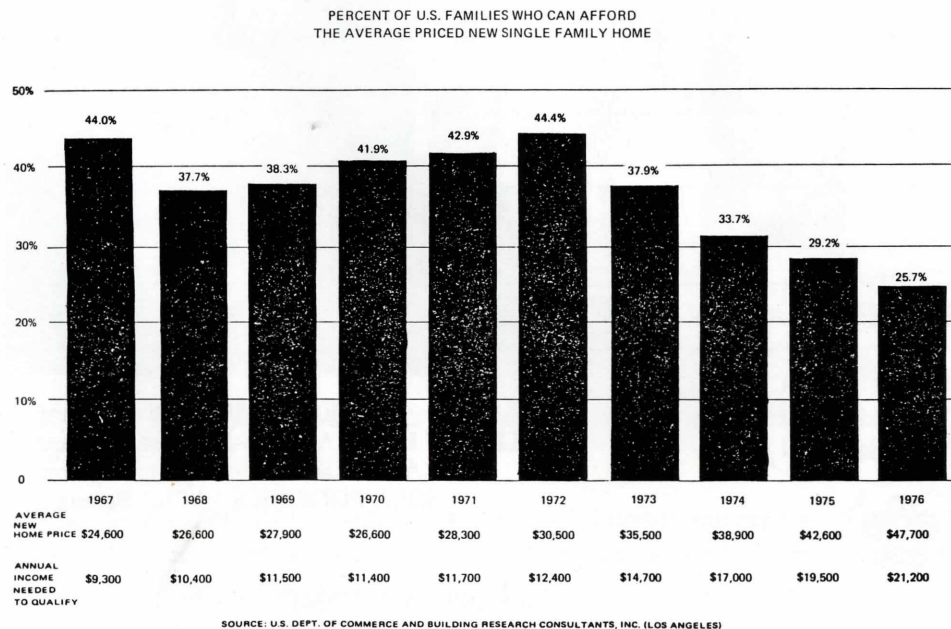
Tenzer does, however, advocate the federal government’s amending certain of its policies which will allow more families to qualify for newly constructed homes.

“Property evaluations by the Veteran’s Administration are typically several months behind the times,” he stated. “Builders are forced to avoid using VA programs because of unrealistic Certificates of Reasonable Value (CRV) established by the agency.

“Similarly, the Federal Housing Administration’s present loan limit of \$45,000 is unrealistic for many areas of the country. The maximum level should be increased to at least \$65,000, and to \$75,000 in high cost areas in major metropolitan centers.”

Tenzer also recommends a change in the FHA down payment formula, exempting the first \$35,000 of the mortgage loan from down payment requirements. The result would allow thousands of families to purchase housing, at virtually no risk to the government.

“If FHA financing is to be revived as a significant vehicle for home ownership, it must be separated from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and placed under the management of a housing industry executive,” Tenzer said.



“It’s time for the federal government to make a commitment to meet the goals of the Housing Act of 1968 and subsequent legislation, and the only way those goals can be realized is by utilizing the knowledge and talents of people who are acutely familiar with the home building industry.

“A blue ribbon panel should be created from the most outstanding housing experts in the country today, and the committee should act in an advisory capacity to Congress, HUD, FHA and VA.

“If we can’t control the cost of land, labor and materials, we at least ought to be able to reduce dollars spent on unnecessary code requirements, redundant inspections, and needless processing delays,” Tenzer concluded.

Tenzer also called for special attention to the needs of senior citizens, a group whose problems have been largely overlooked by current HUD programs.

Tenzer’s opinions were recently solicited during the presidential election at a White House briefing with President Ford, and prior to the election as a member of President Carter’s Task Force on Housing.



LOVE

Love is like a soft and sweet refrain  
Drifting over valley, hill and plain  
And caressing as the summer rain.

Love is like a beautiful flower  
Blooming fragrantly in its bower  
Who welcomes the sunshine or shower.

Love is like warm and golden sunlight  
Gleaming so transparent and bright  
On a world bathing in its light.

Love is charming as a night in June  
Brightly filled with its enchanting moon.  
Songs, gay laughter and wafted perfume.

Love is you, maid so winsome and fair  
With sunkist cheeks and radiant hair.  
Appease this soul with the words, “I care”.

By Edward H. Abdelnour

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MOVIES

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday	9:00 AM to Noon	Arts and Crafts	MPR
	9:00 AM to Noon	Bocce (Ladies — Men)	
	9:00 AM to 9:30 AM	Bikers	
	9:00 AM to Noon	Sewing I	
	9:00 AM to Noon	Ceramics	
	9:30 AM	Shuffleboard	
	9:30 AM to 11:30 AM	Beginning Spanish	MCR
	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Swim and Trim (Ladies)	
	10:00 AM to Noon	Intermediate Bridge	
		Lessons	WCR
	12:30 PM	ACBL Duplicate Bridge	WCR
	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Sewing I	
	1:00 PM	Bocce (Ladies — Men)	
	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Ceramics	
	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Arts and Crafts	MPR
	3:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Autobiography	MCR
	7:00 PM to 10:00 PM	Duplicate Bridge	WCR
	7:15 PM to 8:15 PM	Beginning Ballroom Dance	
		Class	AR
	7:30 PM to 10:00 PM	Cards, Etc.	MCR
Tuesday	8:30 PM to 9:30 PM	Intermediate Ballroom	
		Dance	AR
	9:00 AM to Noon	Principles of Nutrition &	
		Organic Cooking	MPR
	9:00 AM to Noon	Men's Golf Day	
	9:00 AM to Noon	Sewing II	
	9:30 AM to 11:30 AM	Advanced Spanish	MCR
	9:30 AM	Ladies' Shuffleboard	
	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Men's Swim and Trim	
	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Bocce (Ladies)	
	1:00 PM to 3:00 PM	Creative Stitchery	WCR
	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Ceramics	
	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Sewing II	
	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Men's Bridge	MCR
	1:00 PM	Bocce (Ladies — Men)	
	2:00 PM to 3:00 PM	Swim and Trim (Ladies)	
	3:30 PM to 5:00 PM	Lip Reading Class	WCR
	7:00 PM to 10:00 PM	Square Dancing	AR
Wednesday	9:00 AM to Noon	Bocce (Men)	
	9:00 AM to Noon	Lapidary I	
	9:00 AM to Noon	Sewing III	
	9:00 AM to Noon	China Painting Class	MPR
	9:00 AM to Noon	Ladies' Golf Day	
	9:30 AM	Men's Shuffleboard	
	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Swim and Trim (Ladies)	
	10:00 AM to Noon	Ladies' Pool Lessons	
	12:30 PM to 3:30 PM	Arts and Crafts	
	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Lapidary II	
	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Sewing III	
	1:00 PM	Bocce	
	1:00 PM to 3:00 PM	Tai Chi	AR
	1:30 PM to 4:00 PM	Mah Jongg	MCR
	7:30 PM to 10:00 PM	Bingo	AR
Thursday	9:00 AM to Noon	Arts and Crafts	MPR
	9:00 AM to Noon	Sewing IV	
	9:00 AM to Noon	Lapidary I	
	9:30 AM to 11:30 AM	Intermediate Spanish	MCR
	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Men's Swim and Trim	
	10:00 AM to Noon	Bocce (Ladies — Men)	
	12:30 PM to 3:30 PM	Arts and Crafts	MPR
	1:00 PM	Bocce (Ladies)	
	1:30 PM to 4:00 PM	Bridge	WCR
	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Sewing I	
	2:00 PM to 3:00 PM	Ladies' Swim and Trim	
	7:30 PM to 9:30 PM	Money Management	MPR
	6:00 PM	Twilight Shuffleboard	
Friday	9:00 AM to Noon	Ceramics (Beginning)	
	9:00 AM to Noon	Art, Painting	MPR
	9:30 AM to 11:30 AM	Beginning Spanish	MCR
	10:00 AM to Noon	Bocce (Ladies — Men)	
	10:00 AM to Noon	Needlers	WCR
	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Ladies' Swim and Trim	
	1:30 PM	Bowling	Camarillo Bowl
	11:45 AM to 1:00 PM	Bookmobile (every other week)	
	1:00 PM	Bocce (Men)	
	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Men's Bridge	MCR
	2:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Canasta	
	7:30 PM	Movie	AR
Saturday	9:00 AM to Noon	Woodworking	
	4:10 PM	L.V. Bus to Mass	
Sunday	2:00 PM	Shuffleboard	

April 1 — THE DOVE — The true saga of a 16-year-old boy's amazing 33,000 mile sole global odyssey in a 24-foot sloop. Side-tracked in his journey by beautiful Patti whom he marries, he completes his passage only after realizing that he must honor his commitments to himself to finish what he started. 105 min.

April 15 — PAT AND MIKE — Impressed by the athletic prowess of a dignified college physical education teacher, a seedy promotor takes her on as a client to bill her as a star all-around professional athlete. Starring Spencer Tracy, Katherine Hepburn, Aldo Ray, Raymond Ching, Jim Backus. 95 min.

April 29 — FIVE WEEKS IN A BALLOON — Scottish balloonist is asked by Queen Victoria to plant the British flag on an unexplored part of Africa before the land is claimed by Arab traders. Starring Sir Cedric Harwicke, Red Buttons, Fabian, Peter Lorre. 101 min.

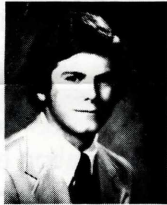
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May 20 — THE GREAT ZIEGFELD — The showman's story as it might have been filmed by Ziegfeld himself, from his 1893 activity as promoter of Sandow, World's Strongest Man, to the pinnacles of his Broadway success. Top figures of American show business, spectacular production numbers and some of the best-known tunes of our theater are features. With William Powel, Myrna Loy, Frank Morgan, Luise Rainer, Fanny Brice. 176 min.

June 3 — THOSE MAGNIFICENT MEN IN THEIR FLYING MACHINES — A fictitious international air race in 1910 in which French, Italian, German, English, Japanese, and American pilots flew from London to Paris in 25 hours and 11 minutes for a 10,000 pound prize. Starring Terry-Thomas, Robert Morely, Stuart Whitmen, Irina Demick, Sarah Miles, Gert Frobe. 131 min.

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